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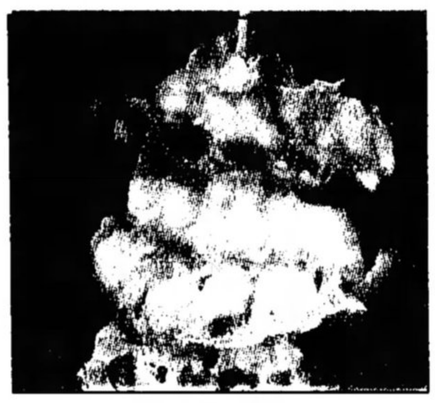

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Trial ordered in baby death

Seairia Henderson's 7-month-old son died after being left alone in a tub.

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MONESSEN — A Monessen woman will stand trial for criminal homicide in the death of her 7-month-old son who was left unattended in a bathtub.

Seairia D. Henderson, 22, of 328 Highland Manor, cried as her friends testified during her preliminary hearing that she was outside when her son, Malachi, and 2-year-old daughter, Ah-reah, were left alone in an upstairs bathtub Sept. 11.

Malachi died two days later at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

An autopsy performed by Dr. Cyril Wecht determined the infant's cause of death was lack of oxygen to the brain because of submersion in water.

Monessen police arrested Henderson Sept. 22, a week after her son was buried. She was charged with criminal homicide, two counts each of endangering the welfare of children and recklessly endangering another person.

Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso ordered her held for court on all charges during the emotional preliminary hearing.

Her friend Sable Ford testified she stayed overnight at Henderson's home and awoke sick around 1 p.m. the next day. She said she went to the upstairs bathroom where both children were in the bathtub with the water running.

"I told her, 'Don't forget the kids,' and she said, 'OK, I know,'" Ford said through her tears.

Ford said Malachi was in an infant bathtub seat.

Ford went on to tell Westmoreland County Assistant District Attorney Barbara A. Jollie she then left the residence to get medicine from her sister, who was staying at a neighbor's across the street in the housing plan.

Ford said she saw Henderson outside talking to Keiauna Davis and Anthony Porter while she was

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Monessen Library making progress

State officials say facility is on the way to keeping its district center status.

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MONESSEN — Two Department of Education officials Friday assured members of the city's library board that they are making progress toward proving the library is worthy of retaining its status as a district center.

In January, the library was warned it could lose its district center status.

The Monessen Public Library serves the city and has operated separately as a district center for libraries in Westmoreland and Fayette counties since 1964.

There are 29 district library centers in the state.

Monessen's library receives roughly $540,000 a year from the state as a district center that is used to provide services to other libraries in the Westmoreland and Fayette counties and to enhance the collection of materials available to them.

Its budget as the city's library is about $250,000.

At a May 5 public meeting at the library, a panel from the Governor's Advisory Council on Library Development told the city's library officials that they must revamp the way state dollars are used to operate the facility as a district library center.

Among the concerns was the use of state funds designated to support the district center being used for the library's service to the city.

Changes in management and administration and the need to expand the library's collection of materials were also addressed.

Panel member M. Clare Zales, deputy secretary of education and commissioner for libraries, sent a letter Aug. 12 letter to the library that included a list of goals the library must make progress toward in a six-month period.

The library board has been ordered to:

- Participate in a training

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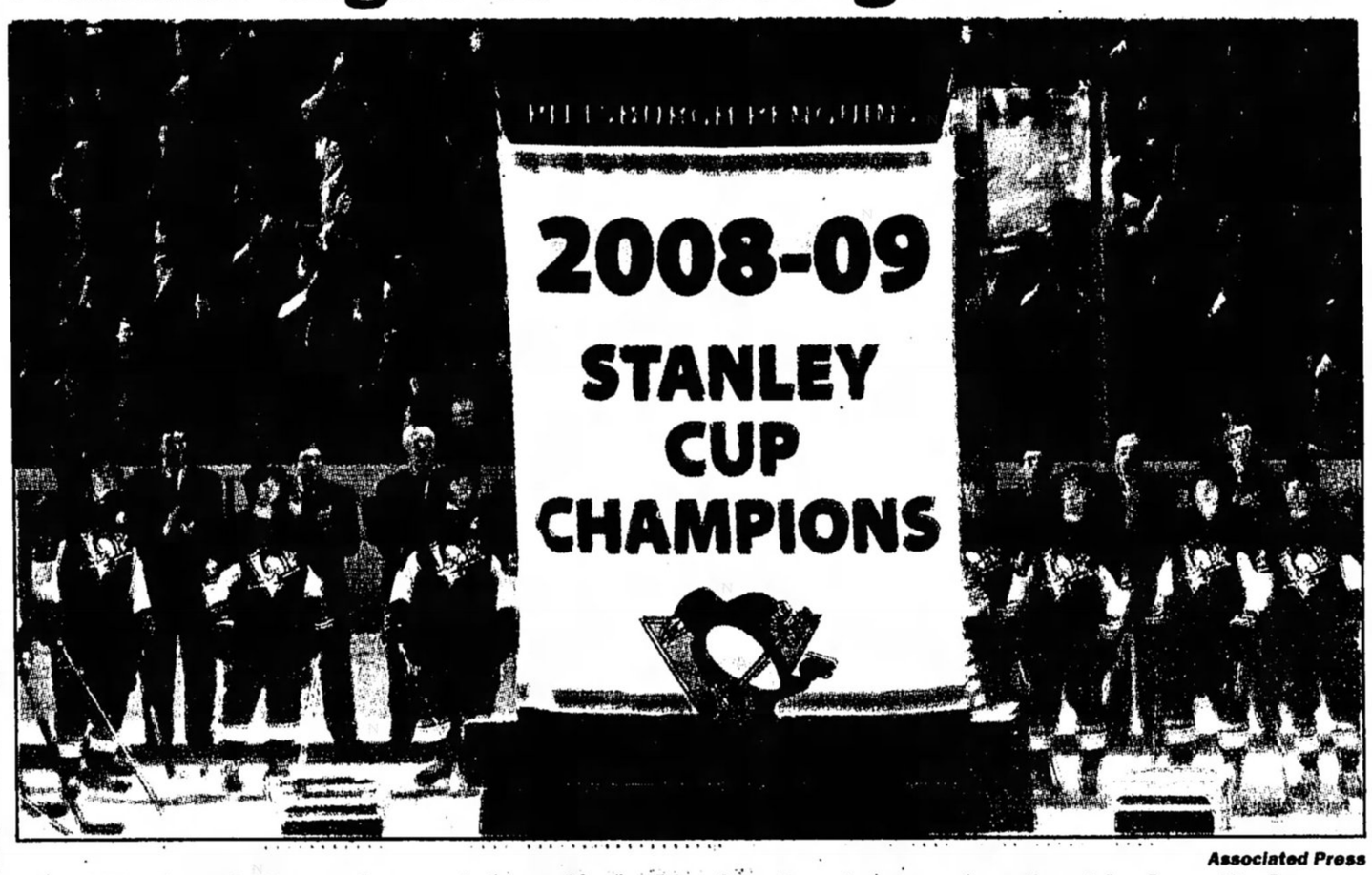
Banner night in Pittsburgh



Associated Press

The Pittsburgh Penguins watch as their Stanley Cup banner is raised before their season opener Friday night.

Health overhaul could raise Medicare pharmacy costs

Senator warns that new amendment will mean higher prices for seniors.

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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WASHINGTON — Medicare recipients could see higher premiums for prescription drug coverage as a result of changes to complex provisions in a Senate health care bill, a senior Republican said Friday.

At issue are marching orders for a powerful new commission that would recommend annual Medicare savings to Congress. Those recommendations would go into effect unless overruled by lawmakers.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said an amendment approved by the Finance Committee in the predawn hours Friday would allow the commission to recommend changes leading to higher Medicare prescription drug premiums. The Democratic amendment was approved on a 13-10 party line vote.

"Americans considering what this health care proposal means for them deserve to know that Medicare prescription drug premiums would probably go up," Grassley said in a statement.

As the prescription benefit is designed now, taxpayers cover three-fourths of the cost of the benefit, while Medicare recipients pay the remaining 25 percent.

The amendment would allow the new Medicare commission to recommend "reductions in federal premium subsidies" to the private insurance plans that deliver the prescription drug benefit. Grassley's office said the "premium subsidies" are taxpayers' share of the cost of the prescription plan. If those are reduced, the plans will make up the difference by raising premiums for seniors.

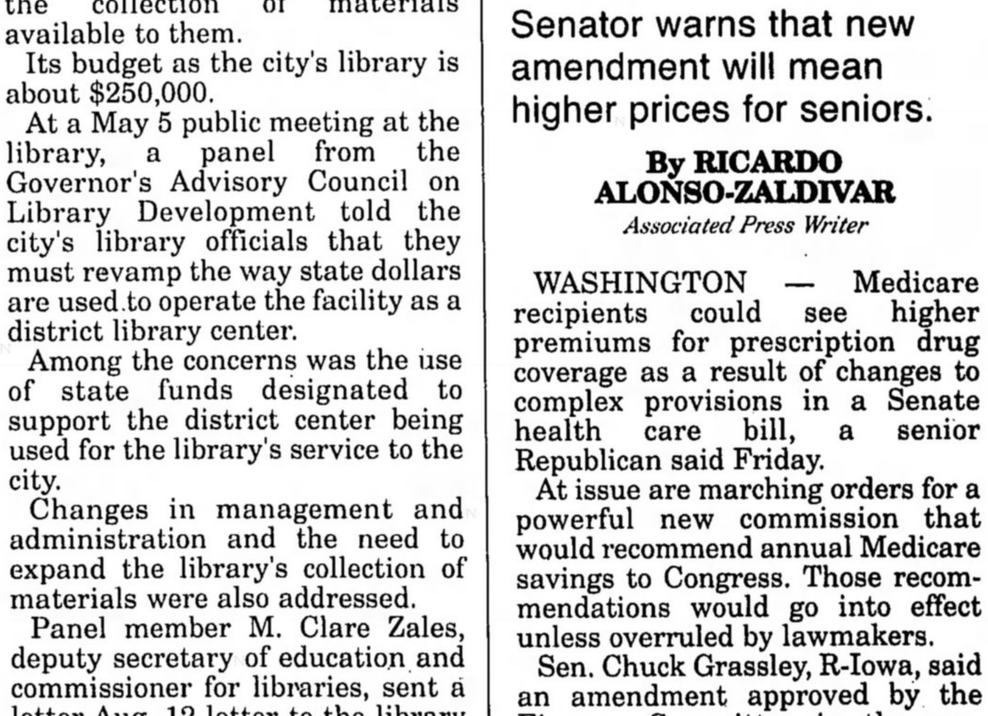
As originally envisioned by Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., the Medicare commission would have been barred from recommending any changes to Medicare benefits or cost-sharing.

A Baucus spokesman said the bill would protect seniors and strengthen Medicare. "The Medicare commission will look broadly at Medicare to find savings and efficiencies in the Medicare program, which will only help seniors," said the spokesman, Scott Mulhauser.

> "Americans considering what this health care proposal means for them deserve to know that Medicare prescription drug premiums would probably go up."
> Sen. Chuck Grassley

Grassley said the Democratic amendment was geared to compensate for a deal that would exempt hospitals from the commission's cost cutting scalpel.

The hospitals have already agreed to forego $155 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments over the next 10 years to help pay for the health care overhaul.



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Melissa Werder, right, Elizabeth Forward's 2009 homecoming queen, is crowned Friday by 2008 queen Kimberly Cornelissen.

Targeted taxes in budget bill

House approves measure that hits tobacco users, natural gas companies.

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HARRISBURG — Cigar smokers, snuff dippers and natural-gas companies would face higher state taxes under a bill approved Friday night that would fund a proposed $27.9 billion state budget.

The bill also proposes a 25-cent-per-pack tax increase on cigarettes, delays the phase-out of a business tax, and anticipates a 34 percent tax on table games at casinos, which would be legalized under a separate bill. Natural gas extracted from the Marcellus Shale reserve would be taxed.

"It's a billion-dollar tax increase on the citizens of Pennsylvania," said House Minority Whip Mike Turzai, R-Bradford Woods, who opposes it.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

Pennsylvania is in the 95th day without a full budget in place. It is one of only two states without a 2009-10 budget. Michigan's fiscal year expired Sept. 30 and lawmakers there are negotiating a budget deal.

House Appropriations Chairman Dwight Evans, D-Philadelphia, yesterday called the Pennsylvania budget impasse, which threatens an array of government-funded social services, a "nightmare." The state faced a $3.2 billion deficit as of June 30.

The House bill, approved in a 103-98 vote, runs counter to a two-week-old deal between House and Senate Democrats, Senate Republicans and Gov. Ed Rendell.

Rep. John Maher, R-Upper St. Clair, whose caucus was not party to the deal, said House Democratic leaders "reneged" on the agreement, which House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne, disputed.

But Senate Republican spokesman Erik Arneson called it "extremely disappointing that House leaders were unable to live up to the bipartisan agreement they reached with Governor Rendell and both caucuses in the Senate, and chose instead to push legislation which does not have sufficient support to pass in the Senate."

House Democrats told their leaders they couldn't support a 20 percent tax on small games of chance, which would hit volunteer fire companies, VFWs and American Legions. They also objected to imposing the state sales tax on dance, music, theater performances as well as zoos and museums, as called for under the deal.

"We decided it was better to tax cigar smokers than theater-goers," said House Democratic Caucus Chairman Mark Cohen of Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania imposes no excise tax on cigars and smokeless tobacco, though retail purchases are subject to the sales tax. It is the only state without a tax on snuff. The bill proposes a 30 percent tax on the wholesale rate of cigars, cigarillos, chewing tobacco and snuff.

The way the bill is written it would tax nicotine chewing gum and lozenges, said Maher. "We're going to punish people who are trying to cease smoking," he said.

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Yesteryear

Members of Big Jim's team in Monongahela are pictured in 1962. In front, from left, are Diapalo, Roule, Raviso, Cepiatas, Joey, Lazzari, Petrosky, Albero and Pietroboni; back, Spina, Curcio, Kramer, Pellegrini, Evan, Hoosac, Bamford and J. Kramer. Missing are Wuijick, Shuback, Green, Broggi and Vazzana.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 61	High 66	High 67	High 68	High 66
Low 43	Low 46	Low 51	Low 49	Low 44

Library (FROM PAGE ONE)

program with a non-profit board consultant.

■ Make the average copyright date on its collection five years newer and purchase 7,000 items.

■ Put a new director in place.

■ Increase budget support by 3 to 5 percent from local government and institute a sustainable fund-raising campaign.

The board also must submit an action plan and a timeline for resolution; reorganize staff so there is a clear delineation of staff with district service responsibilities; and allow the Office of Commonwealth Libraries to be represented at board meetings, participate in the interview and selection of a new district library administrator and have oversight of the center's budget.

Jim Hollinger and Bonnie Young, representatives from the Department of Education's Bureau of Library Development, sat down with the library board members Friday afternoon for insight on how they plan to tackle the issues.

Hollinger has been tasked with overseeing progress on the requirements, while Young will continue to serve as the district liaison.

Peggy Tseng, interim director of the Monessen Library and District Center, ensured Hollinger and Young that much has been done this year to reformat the way the library and district center operate.

Tseng, who also serves as consultant to the district center, said the library board has been working with Mike Kumer, a leadership consultant from Duquesne University.

She said meetings with Kumer are set for Oct. 27 and Nov. 4, adding that the working relationship will continue after that.

Tseng said library employees have been working diligently to rid the collection of old materials.

"We really have been aggressively weeding. We have done some every day. I think just by weeding, we have achieved that goal already," she said.

The library board members, however, said purchasing materials would be a challenge.

"We do have this big pile of unpaid bills," library board member Susanna Swade said. "I don't think it's a reasonable request given the circumstances financially of the state and of our personal library here.

"Your guidelines say within the first six months. Now, you're putting us in a box pretty good."

"It obviously will require an influx of new money somewhere," Hollinger said.

Hiring management would be difficult considering the state budget impasse, the library board members said.

Young advised the members to pursue grants and donations.

"The rosary beads are prayed every day," Swade said, referring to hopes of landing a large donation.

Hollinger agreed the likelihood of hiring new personnel would be difficult to gauge without knowing how much funding Monessen's district center will receive from the state budget.

Mary Jo Smith, who attended the meeting as the city's mayor-elect and as representative for city councilman John Harhai and state Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, said she is committed to seeking grants for the library.

Monessen Library Board President Mark Galper said U.S. Rep. John Murtha, city council and the Monessen School Board have been notified about the need for additional funds.

He said the library has also staged small fundraisers that will continue.

"I think ultimately, we have to have a fund developer," Galper said.

Tseng said a member of California University of Pennsylvania, has volunteered his expertise in grant writing to the library.

"In 2009, really is the first time ever that we really have initiated and implemented some kind of aggressive fundraising and grant writing," she said. "It's a first-year effort."

Regarding the naming of an official director, the library board members briefly discussed naming Tseng to the position.

But Galper said much more discussion would have to take place first.

Tseng said she does not want to give up her position as district consultant because she has built a wealth of contacts in that capacity during the last four years.

Hollinger said naming a director should not be addressed until the state budget is passed.

"Assuming there is a significant cut in state aid, the only practical solution may be to have Peggy wear both of those hats for a certain period of time, and maybe that's the plan submitted to meet that requirement," he said.

Hollinger said he and those from the state overseeing the library would be lenient, provided that progress is being made toward each of the goals.

"It's always been our policy and practice that for people who are willing to work, we are willing to work with them," he said. "You'd have to make an effort not to get our cooperation, let me put it that way."

He and Young said they will report to the Commission of Libraries that progress is being made.

"We want to come out and have a meeting like this periodically to know where things are going," he said. "But, I don't have major concerns at this point that the board is not taking these things seriously. I think you are.

"There's certainly ways to go, but no one here is ignoring what needs to be done. There have been a lot of changes for the good just in the last nine months."

Trial (FROM PAGE ONE)

across the street.

Ford testified she had cautioned Henderson in the past about leaving the children unattended in the bathtub.

Keiauna Davis, of Summit Avenue, testified she walked to Highland Manor and sat in Porter's car with Henderson for about 20 minutes, sharing a cigarette.

Davis said after Henderson went back into the house, she saw her daughter standing at the door naked.

"I went over and that's when I heard Seairia screaming for help and doing CPR on Malachi," Davis said. "She was hysterical. She couldn't even tell me what was going on."

During cross-examination by Henderson's attorney, Brian Aston, Ford and Davis both described Henderson as a good mother who often played outside with her children.

"She cooked for them, played with them; that's why Ah-reah is so smart," Ford testified.

Davis said Henderson is a "single mother trying to do everything for her kids," saying she relied on her mother and friends for help.

After Henderson called 911, Monessen police Lt. Carl Fronzaglio and officer Jim Franks arrived at the home and saw the baby lying naked on the living room floor with Henderson attempting to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation via instructions from a Westmoreland County 911 dispatcher.

That's when the police officers took over CPR and noted that a large amount of water was coming out of the baby's nose and mouth, according to an affidavit of probable cause.

Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services paramedic Shawn Cummings testified the infant was "limp, ashen, unresponsive," and had no pulse when they arrived.

Cummings testified large amounts of water expelled from the baby while CPR was being performed.

After the hearing, Henderson continued to cry as her friends and relatives in the courtroom hugged and kissed her as they left.

Aston said Henderson is suffering.

"It really doesn't matter what happens to her through the criminal justice system because what she's doing to herself and what she's going through now is worse than anything the justice system can inflict on her," Aston said. "She's isolated from her family. She just lost her son through a tragic accident. It's just a horrible, horrible situation that affects everybody."

Her friends rallied to her defense after the hearing, saying the homicide charge isn't justified in this situation.

Siobhan Ford, Sable's sister, called Malachi's death a "tragic accident."

"She will be punished the rest of her life, I just don't agree with the homicide charge," she said.

Davis said Henderson "knows she messed up."

"The pain she is feeling now is worse than anything that will happen to her," Davis said.

Aston said Henderson's daughter, and another child of hers, not home when the incident occurred, are now staying with relatives.

Henderson was returned to the Westmoreland County Prison, where she is being held without bond.

Valley briefs

Expressway to be closed for filming

The Pennsylvania Turnpike alerted motorists that the Mon/Fayette Expressway southbound between Brownville and Uniontown will close to traffic for up to 24 hours, weather permitting, beginning 11 p.m. Sunday.

During this closure, traffic will be detoured onto Route 40 East from Redstone Way toward Uniontown. Northbound expressway lanes will remain open.

The closure is required to accommodate Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., which is filming on Turnpike property for a movie, "The Next Three Days." State police, local fire and EMS departments and turnpike maintenance and safety personnel will be providing traffic control and security during the closures.

Judge rejects union's vacation order

PITTSBURGH (AP) — An Allegheny County judge has refused to overturn the county jail warden's plans to restrict how workers can take vacation days.

The 480-member union opposes Warden Ramon Rustin's plan to bar them from taking vacation time in one-day increments starting in January.

Rustin says many workers have seven or eight weeks of annual vacation but still use all 10 sick days each year. Until last year, workers could take vacation only in weeklong increments, but Rustin allowed workers to take single days hoping it would curb sick day use.

Instead, call-offs increased — including 85 on Super Bowl Sunday alone — so Rustin wants to resume the old policy.

Judge Judith Friedman says a court order isn't needed because the union can fight the policy through the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board.

Student, bus driver injured in crash

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — A school bus and coal truck collided, leaving a student and the bus driver injured.

Authorities said the three other students on the bus weren't injured in Friday afternoon's crash in Bullskin Township, Fayette County.

The child and driver were taken to hospitals. The nature of their injuries and their names weren't available.

Delmont police increase patrols

DELMONT – Police beefed up patrols during school bus pick-up and drop-off times Thursday, a day after a 15-year-old girl reported an abduction attempt.

Two men were sitting near a bus stop in a beat-up white box truck about 3 p.m. Wednesday when the victim got off the bus. She and two other girls began walking home in a residential area along Old William Penn Highway, near Tollgate Lane and Monticello Drive.

One man got out of the truck and started walking behind the girls. When the victim was alone, he grabbed her backpack, but she beat back the man with a textbook, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to telephone police at (724) 468-8501 or the Westmoreland County Detective Bureau at (724) 830-3281.

Flavin credits parents for her success

She serves as deputy administrator of Cleveland Municipal Court.

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Valley exports

A weekly look at people who left the Mon Valley

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Monessen native Maureen Vesely Flavin credits her successful career to her parents instilling in her the importance of education and being independent.

Now a Cleveland resident, her years of hard work have paid off, as she was recently designated a fellow and certified court executive of the Institute for Court Management during a ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

Since 1970, only 1,100 people worldwide have been designated as fellows of the institute.

A 1982 graduate of the former Mon Valley Catholic High School, she is the daughter of Donna and Norbert Vesely, of Monessen. She has a brother, Sean.

Flavin, 45, earned her undergraduate degree from Seton Hill University and law degree from Duquesne University in 1991.

She credits her parents with her success.

"The values they taught me are how I got to where I'm at today," she said. "My dad always said every generation is a step ahead."

For the past six years, she has served as the deputy administrator for Cleveland Municipal Court, overseeing all of the non-judicial operations of the court system and more than 300 employees.

"We process over 200,000 cases a year, so it's very busy," she said.

Prior to moving to Cleveland, her resume included clerking for lawyers in Pittsburgh after graduating from law school and serving as director of grants/contracts for the Pennsylvania. Coalition Against Rape in Harrisburg.

Maureen Vesely Flavin

She spent three years in Harrisburg before coming back to Pittsburgh to take a job as manager of public affairs for the Family Health Council, now known as Adagio.

From there, she went on to work for the Three Rivers Youth Council as a program manager.

Flavin says she enjoys working the most in the public sector, especially in the judicial branch.

"We have the highest bar because we affect people the most," she said. "We see more people face-to-face than the executive and legislative branches of government."

Flavin says she strongly believes that courthouse employees should treat all people with "courtesy, dignity and respect."

She said the Cleveland Municipal Court is an environment where furthering ones' education through training and certification is encouraged. She spent about five years working on her designation to become a certified court executive. She was required to complete coursework, residential studies, and a masters-level research project, which is now published in the National Center of State Courts Libraries.

The accreditation is considered the platinum level for court managers.

When she isn't working, Flavin enjoys spending time with her husband, Kevin Flavin, working on restoring their century-old home.

She said their home is only steps from Lake Erie, a view she will never stop appreciating.

"You turn onto our street and there is the lake," she said. "It's a great place to watch the sunsets or read. It's very peaceful."

Flavin says her hobbies include flower gardening and working out at the local gym.

As for living in a city long considered one of the Pittsburgh Steelers' biggest rivals, Flavin says she does get a little flack from colleagues.

"I only root for them (the Cleveland Browns) when we're not playing them, or their game doesn't affect our standings," she said. "But you'd be amazed how many Pittsburgh fans are out here."

While she says the rivalry is all in good fun, she does wonder if her office with a direct view of the Cleveland Browns Stadium was intentional.

"Did they give me that office because I'm a Steelers fan?" she said with a laugh.

As for the future, Flavin says she will be expected to have more articles published as part of her new distinction, a position that could open up new and exciting career doors.

"I love to learn and it's so rewarding having this honor," she said.

Saturn owners, dealers lament end of brand

Penske's couldn't line up a manufacturer to make the cars when GM stops producing them.

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Altha Pittrell started worrying Thursday morning when her sister and two friends contacted her with word that General Motors Co.'s deal to sell its Saturn brand had collapsed.

By afternoon, she felt reassured. Pittrell, of the North Side, drove her year-old Saturn Aura to #1 Cochran in Monroeville for scheduled work, and a maintenance technician explained the basics of the scuttled sale that is almost sure to end production of Saturns.

"He also said that service will be the same," said Pittrell, who owned several Pontiacs before buying the pearl gray sedan, which she likes for its classy, yet sporty look and smooth ride.

Saturn owners like Pittrell and dealers expressed shock and sadness Thursday at the sudden end to Penske Automotive Group Inc.'s plan to continue making Saturns, the brand created in 1990 by GM to fight growing Japanese imports.

Auto industry magnate Roger Penske's company said late Wednesday that it couldn't line up a manufacturer to make the cars when GM stops producing them sometime after 2011. GM, which had expected to announce a final sale with Penske this week, then said it will stop making Saturns and will close the brand soon — just as it did with Oldsmobile in 2004 and soon will do with Pontiac.

GM is assuring owners that they'll be able to take vehicles to GM-certified dealers for service when Saturn stores close, just as owners of other discontinued brands can. And local independent mechanics don't expect to have trouble finding the right parts when they work on Saturns.

"There's always the aftermarket," said Rick Weiss, owner of Norm Weiss Auto Service in Brookline. "If you need brakes or rotors or any wear item, it's going to be available from an AC Delco or Advance Auto Parts or NAPA Auto Parts. Same thing for body parts."

Tony Cardillo of Tony's Garage in East Liberty called the Saturn brand a "fair car, easy to work on" and said he also anticipates no problems finding parts to fix them in coming years.

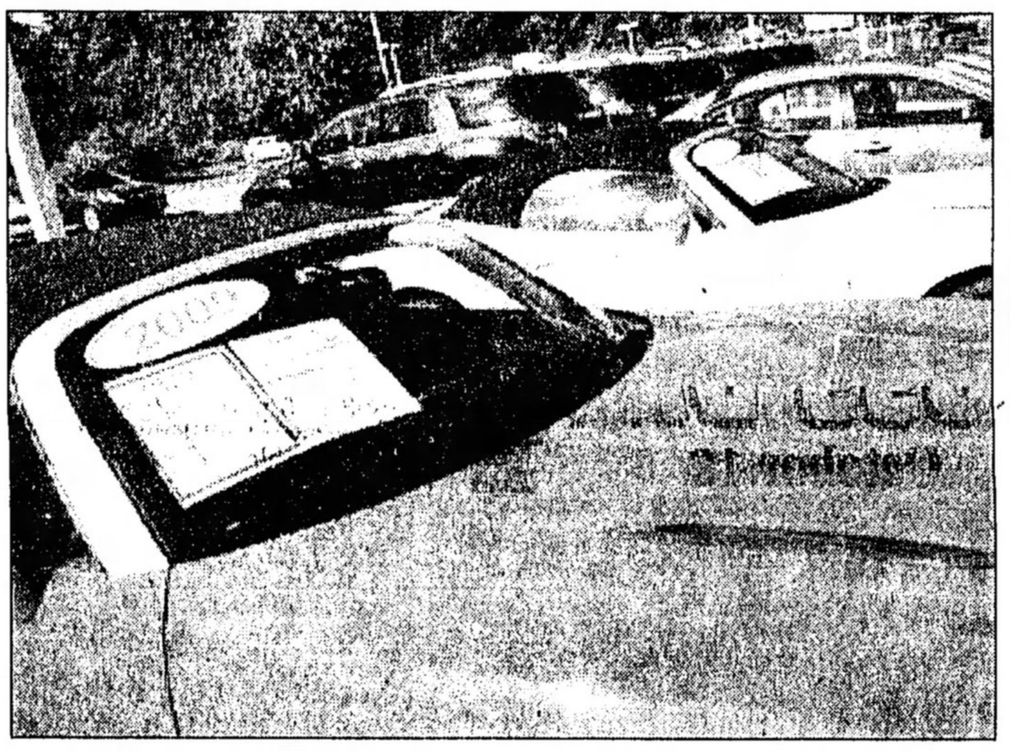
Both of his sons own Saturns and like them, the 45-year mechanic said, but the news that they won't be made anymore could scare off buyers.

GM and Saturn dealers expect a different reaction. The Cochran group of dealerships, which sells Saturns in Monroeville and Robinson, was planning a big sale yesterday to sell of its remaining 60 to 70 vehicles, with sizable rebates, sales director Calvin Lane said.

"From the beginning, the Saturn brand was founded on the principle of doing things differently," Lane said. "It's been a one-price strategy, and folks have come in knowing they're getting a good deal.

"It's developed a sort of cult following. We've had excellent relationships with our Saturn customers," he said, adding the leftover Auras, plus Vues, Outlooks and Sky sportscars, probably will sell out quickly.

Despite its relatively short history, Saturn forged a connection with owners that inspired groups like the Saturn Performance Club.



Different models of Saturn vehicles at Saturn of Monroeville on Thursday.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

DONLEY — Janice Donley, 65, of North Belle Vernon, on Thursday, Oct. 1. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

ECKMAN — Kenneth J. Eckman, 72, of Perry Township, on Thursday, Oct. 1. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.*

NECCIAI — Timothy J. Necciai, 53, of Germantown, Md., formerly of Donora, on Thursday, Sept. 24. Marshall Marra Funeral Home, Monongahela.*

TOKAR — Joseph R. Tokar Sr., 84, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Oct. 1. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

YASKO — Adelia Yasko, 90, of Monessen, on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

*** See death notice**

Joseph R. Tokar Sr.
Charleroi

Joseph R. Tokar, Sr, 84, of Charleroi, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, at the North Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, Pittsburgh. He was born on March 29, 1925, in Fallowfield Township, a son of the late Matthew and Susanna Jagercik Tokar Sr. Mr. Tokar was a member, deacon and elder of the Charlerol Presbyterian Church. He had served as the secretary of the Sunday school. Mr. Tokar was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy, a member of the Monongahela Valley Ship Mates and the Charleroi American Legion Post 22. He retired in 1987 from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Monessen Plant. Surviving is his wife of 61 years, Mary E. "Bette" Wilson Tokar; three sons, Albert A. Sr., Joseph R. Jr., and Arthur E.; one daughter, Myra Leigh Tokar; six grandchildren, Philip, Nancy L., Albert A. III, Morgan, Alexandra and Nicole; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha, Kilee and Zackery; and one sister, Margaret Sveda. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Mr. Tokar is preceded in death by five brothers, Frank, Michael, John, Matthew Jr., and Edward; four sisters Agnes, Susan, Mary and an infant and two grandsons Troy and Albert A. II. Friends will be received Monday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Mark Woomer officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park. Condolences for the family are being accepted on-line at www.schrock-hogan.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Kenneth J. Eckman
Perry Township

Kenneth J. Eckman, 72, of Perry Township, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. He was born July 12, 1937, in McKeesport, a son of the late Lawrence Eckman and Mildred Giles Eckman, who survives from Vanderbilt. He was retired from U.S. Steel Irvin Works and a member of Moose Lodge of Perryopolis since 1989. Surviving are his wife, Diane Drescher Eckman; daughter, Brenda Falki and husband,,Jon, of Vanderbilt; son, Larry Eckman and wife, Valarie, of Perryopolis; four grandchildren, Zachary Falki, Morgan Eckman, Mason Eckman, and Maura Eckman. He was preceded in death by his sister, Delnora Gibb. Friends will be received in the ELEY/MCCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., Main Street, Fayette City, on Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, until 11 a.m., the hour of services with the Rev. Nathan Anderson officiating. Interment will follow in the Bowman-Flatwoods Cemetery, Vanderbilt, PA. 15486. www.eleymccroryfuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Janice Donley
North Belle Vernon

Janice Donley, 65, of North Belle Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. A daughter of the late Thomas Melvin Couchenour and Anna Mae Thompson Couchenour, she was born in Sutersville on Aug. 2, 1944. Janice was very strong in her faith to God and had previously attended the Char-Belle Free Methodist Church. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Scott Scaglione, two granddaughters, Kayla Steele and Karly Steele, all of Belle Vernon; her former husband, Ron Donley, of Webster; two sisters, her twin, Barbara Posa, and Cheryl June; one brother, Thomas Couchenour, all of Elizabeth Township; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Shirley Donley, on Dec. 3, 1989; and one brother, Harry "Bud" Couchenour. Friends will be received 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Saturday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Christine Ingold officiating. Interment will follow in Fells Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Timothy J. Necciai
Germantown, Md.
Formerly of Donora

Timothy J. Necciai, 53, of Germantown, Md., formerly of Donora, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, suddenly while walking on a biking trail near his home. He had recently been ill with complications from diabetes and other ailments. Born Dec. 14, 1955, in Monongahela, he was the son of the late Julius and Catherine (Piskor) Necciai. He graduated from Donora High School in 1973. Besides his devotion to his children, he had a lifelong interest in music, philosophy, and politics; he had recently intended to volunteer to help the homeless once he regained his health. Surviving are two sons, Timothy and Nicholas; his daughter, Katrina; and his former wife, Kathy Shulock-Necciai, all of Germantown, Md. His children were the pride of his life. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Julius (Gig) and Cathy Necciai, of Mount Airy, Md.; Gus and Brenda Necciai, of Monongahela; and David Necciai, of Donora; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sandy and Charles O'Toole, of Massachusetts; Ginger Clement, of Monongahela; and Laura and Tom Hultz, of Monongahela; 11 nephews, Charles, Jack, and David O'Toole, Bryan and Erik Necciai, Mark and Tony Clement, Domenic and Phillip Necciai, and T.J. and Stephen Hultz, four nieces, Ann O'Toole, Karyn and Adina Necciai, and Jamie Clement; and several aunts and uncles. Private funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, and were officiated by Tim's lifelong friend, the Rev. Edward Litavec. The MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela, (724-258-6767) was in charge of the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Adelia Yasko
Monessen

Adelia Yasko, 90, of Monessen, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Sept. 17, 1919, in Belle Vernon, a daughter of the late Stanley and Caroline Duda Wall. She was a member of St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church of Monessen and the Church's Ladies Altar Guild. Mrs. Yasko had been the Owner/Operator of Dales Pizza Shop in Monessen. Surviving are two daughters, Janet and husband William Bunardzya of Belle Vernon, and Debra and husband Robert Shaub of Lancaster; three granddaughters, Kyra Bunardzya, Chryste and husband Nicholas Zimmerman, and Brittany Shaub and fiance Steve Van Note; a sister, Ann Fairman of Punxsutawney; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Yasko; two brothers, Joseph and Michael Wall; and a sister, Stella Billak. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., family owned and operated as a member of the Golden Rule, 1209 Grand Boulevard, Monessen, where friends will be received on Sunday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Parastas service will be held in the funeral home on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Prayers will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. followed by services at St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church with Father Rumen Stoychev officiating. Interment will follow in the Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Judge upholds Ucman conviction

McCormick said he found the witnesses' testimony to be credible.

For The Valley Independent

GREENSBURG – It's a story brimming with all the intrigue of a best-selling, can't-stop-turning-the-pages novel.

First, there's the fiery, eight-month marriage that dissolves into a caustic divorce between a former contractor and his flamboyant socialite wife.

Then comes the multimillion-dollar jewel heist from the closely guarded vault of the socialite's sprawling mansion.

Next, there are the attorneys and the court battles and the barrage of bitter charges and countercharges.

But this is not fiction.

It's just the facts in a case that played out Friday when a Westmoreland County judge refused to reconsider his August conviction of Paul K. Ucman, 45, on charges he stole more than $5 million in jewelry from a safe at the opulent Rostraver home of his estranged wife, Debra Hardy.

The 500 pieces of jewelry – including a $355,000 engagement ring – were gifts from Hardy's first husband, 84 Lumber magnate Joe Hardy.

Common Pleas Judge Richard E. McCormick Jr. upheld Ucman's conviction during a nonjury trial on charges of theft and receiving stolen property and said he "found the witnesses to be credible."

Ucman did not attend the hearing, but his lawyer, James Jeffries, argued the judge erred by relying on faulty testimony of witnesses, including evidence given by Debra Hardy.

Police said that on Sept. 28, 2007, Ucman broke into a vault near the bedroom he shared with Hardy during their stormy marriage.

Testimony indicated Ucman smeared a video camera above the vault with petroleum jelly and then used a code to enter the secure room.

But the video became of no consequence when it was somehow damaged before the trial and was not introduced as evidence, according to court records.

However, the pool of suspects narrowed when Hardy testified that only she and Ucman knew the codes to open the vault.

Hardy told the court she had thrown Ucman out of the house hours before the jewels were taken. Later, Hardy sought a protective order to prevent him from coming near her. That order remains in effect until Oct. 31.

Hardy testified that Ucman told her he would return the jewels if she gave him "the snowmobiles, the trucks, the quads, the tools, trailers and the boat," all "toys" she said she bought for him during their marriage.

Shortly after his arrest, Ucman said his life had unraveled and asked for help from the court.

"I have no place to live, no license, no vehicle. I don't have a job. I'm living with my mother," Ucman told a district judge in 2007 when he was attempting to get a public defender.

The jewelry was returned to Hardy a week after it was reported missing. The father of Ucman's first wife delivered the jewels to Hardy after he received a telephone call asking him to deliver a black cloth bag to Hardy.

He testified at a preliminary hearing he was unable to identify the caller and was astonished when Hardy opened the bag to reveal the stash of jewels.

The only item taken in the theft that is still missing is a rare Louis Vuitton bag, which Debra Hardy had said was worth $15,000 to $20,000 and was one of only five made by the design house.

Assistant District Attorney Kelly Hammers said Hardy will demand restitution for the missing bag during Ucman's sentencing hearing later this year.

Ucman faces a minimum sentence of nine to 16 months in jail when he is sentenced by McCormick. He remains free on $10,000 bond pending his sentencing.

Ucman and Hardy are separated, and a divorce is pending. Court records pertaining to the divorce have been sealed.

POLICE LOG

California

■ Timothy Lamar Tyree Jr., 19, of Monessen, was charged with retail theft after he was observed allegedly taking about $4 worth of merchandise from the Kwik-Fill at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

Ghetto uprising leader dies at 90

Marek Edelman's heroism earned him Poland's highest civilian distinction.

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Marek Edelman, the last surviving leader of the ill-fated 1943 Warsaw ghetto revolt against the Nazis, died Friday at the age of 90.

Edelman died of old age at the family home of his friend Paula Sawicka, where he had lived for the past two years.

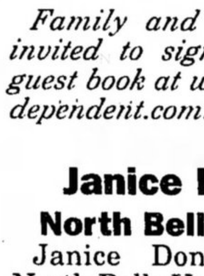
"He died at home, among friends, among his close people," Sawicka told The Associated Press.

Most of Edelman's adult life was dedicated to the defense of human life, dignity and freedom. He fought the Nazis in the doomed Warsaw ghetto revolt and later in the Warsaw city Uprising. And then for decades he fought communism in Poland.

His heroism earned him the French Legion of Honor and Poland's highest civilian distinction, the Order of the White Eagle.

Former Israeli ambassador to Poland Shevach Weiss paid tribute to Edelman.

"He will remain in my memory as a fighting hero, a man of great courage," Weiss said. "He never ceased in his struggle for human freedom and for



Edelman

Poland's freedom."

The uprising at the Warsaw ghetto was the first act of large-scale armed civilian resistance against the Germans in occupied Poland during World War II.

One of the few survivors of three weeks of uneven struggle in the Warsaw ghetto, Edelman felt obliged to preserve the memory of the fallen heroes of that first large-scale Jewish revolt against the Nazis. Each year, on the revolt's anniversary, he laid flowers at Warsaw's monument to the ghetto heroes, and called for tolerance.

"Remember them all — boys and girls — 220 altogether, not too many to remember their faces, their names," he said of the young fighters in a 2008 AP interview.

'Man is evil, by nature man is a beast," he said then. Therefore people "have to be educated from childhood, from kindergarten, that there should be no hatred."

He also felt obliged to appeal repeatedly to the world for freedom and peace — even when it had to be won in a fight.

Edelman was born Jan. 1, 1919, in Homel, which was then in eastern Poland and is now in Belarus. His family soon moved to Warsaw.

When the Nazis invaded Poland on Sept.1, 1939, Edelman was member of Bund, a Jewish socialist organization that later masterminded plans for resistance against the occupying Germans.

The Germans set up the Warsaw ghetto in November 1940, cramming some 460,000 Jews from the city and from across Poland in inhuman conditions. After a year, almost half the people there had died of disease and starvation.

The resistance plans were implemented April 19, 1943, when the Nazis moved to liquidate the ghetto by killing or sending some remaining 60,000 residents to the death camps. Thousands were put on regular transports to the death camps of Treblinka, Majdanek and Sobibor.

But that April, the well-trained German troops encountered unexpectedly fierce resistance from a few hundred young, poorly armed Jewish civilians, determined to die fighting rather than in gas chambers.

The 5-Town Recreational Council will sponsor two Halloween events at 5-Town Park Oct. 10. Preparing, standing, from left, are Marcy Cox, Barbara Donaldson, Kathy Levine, Ed Hartley and Sarah Hartley and, kneeling, Sharon Zentkovich. Cox is holding a photo of her parents, the late Charles and Marguerite Cox, longtime supporters of 5-Town Park.

Halloween events set at 5-Town Park

The 5-Town Recreational Council will sponsor two Halloween events Oct. 10 at 5-Town Park.

Festivities begin 1 p.m. with a Halloween party for children ages 10 and younger. The party will feature a parade, snack, coloring and story time. Children should attend in costume. The cost is $2 per child.

A haunted hayride will take place at dusk.

The gate fee is $2. Hayrides will be $1 per person, per ride. DJ Marty will entertain. Food and beverages will be available.

Organizer Marcy Cox said the events are dedicated to her late parents, Charles and Marguerite Cox, longtime 5-Town Park supporters. The rain date will be Oct. 17.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 3

Today is Saturday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2009. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 3, 1789, President George Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, a day of Thanksgiving to express gratitude for the creation of the United States of America. (On this date in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.)

On this date:

■ In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

■ In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."

■ In 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

■ In 1952, Britain conducted its first atomic test as it detonated a 25-kiloton device in the Monte Bello Islands off Australia.

■ In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., aboard the Sigma 7 on a nine-hour flight.

■ In 1988, Lebanese kidnappers released Indian educator Mithileshwar Singh, who'd been held captive with three Americans for more than 20 months.

■ In 1995, the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial found the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. (However, Simpson was later found liable in a civil trial.)

■ In 2002, five people were shot to death in the Washington, D.C., area within a 14-hour period, beginning the hunt for the "Beltway Sniper." (In all, 10 people were killed; mastermind John Allen Muhammad and teenage accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo were later caught.)

■ **Ten years ago**: Sony co-founder Akio Morita, the entrepreneur, engineer and savvy salesman who helped give new meaning to the words "Made in Japan," died in Tokyo at age 78.

■ **Five years ago**: National security adviser Condoleezza Rice, interviewed on ABC's "This Week" program, defended her characterization of Saddam Hussein's nuclear capabilities in the months before the Iraq invasion.

■ **One year ago**: Amid dire warnings of economic disaster, a reluctant Congress abruptly reversed course and approved a historic $700 billion government bailout of the battered financial industry; President George W. Bush swiftly signed it. Thirteen years to the day after O.J. Simpson was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, the former football star was found guilty of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room. (Simpson was later sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison.)

Associated Press

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva holds up a plate that was awarded to him with Rio 2016 bid President Carlos Arthur Nuzman, left, and Rio de Janeiro's Mayor Eduardo Paes, right, during a news conference Friday after Rio was named host city for the 2016 Olympic Games.

Rio wins right to host 2016 Olympics

Chicago was knocked out in the first round.

By JOHN LEICESTER
AP Sports Writer

COPENHAGEN — Like sweet, sultry samba music, Rio hit all the right notes.

Chicago had Barack Obama. Tokyo had $4 billion in the bank. Madrid had powerful friends. But none of that mattered. Rio de Janeiro had the enchanting story — of about 400 million sports-mad people on a giant untapped and vibrant continent yearning, hoping, that the Olympics finally might come to them.

And the International Olympic Committee was hooked.

Olympians, we'll see you on Copacabana beach in 2016. Let Carnival begin.

On a chilly Danish evening of high drama, the IOC on Friday sent the games of the 31st Olympiad to Brazil's bustling, fun-loving but crime-ridden city of beaches and mountains, romance and slums.

The IOC closed its eyes to the risks — the huge projected costs of the Rio Games, the concerns about how athletes will get around and where people will sleep — to focus on the reward of lighting the Olympic cauldron in one of the last corners of the globe yet to be bathed by its light.

"It is Brazil's time," said the country's charismatic president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Chicago was knocked out in the first round — in one of the most shocking defeats ever handed down by the committee of former Olympians, sports administrators, royals and other VIPs.

While blues legend Buddy Guy twanged "Sweet Home Chicago" in a promotional video the city played to the IOC, bad blood between the committee and its U.S. branch — they've had flare-ups over revenue sharing and lucrative broadcasting rights — proved to be a note of discord. IOC members said the slap to Chicago was more directed at the U.S. Olympic Committee than to the Windy City itself.

The win was decisive: Rio beat Madrid by 66 votes to 32.

Chicago got just 18 votes in the first round, with Tokyo squeezing into the second round with 22. Madrid was leading after the first round with 28 votes, while Rio had 26.

In the second round, Tokyo was eliminated with just 20 votes. Madrid got 29, qualifying it for the final round face-off with Rio, which by then already had a strong lead with 46 votes.

The indignity suffered by Chicago — long considered a front-runner — was such that some IOC members squirmed. Obama flew overnight from Washington to sell his adoptive hometown and its plans for Olympic competition on Lake Michigan's windy shores to the IOC.

First lady Michelle Obama, with talk show host Oprah Winfrey and sports stars in tow, jetted in first and spent two days buttering up IOC members, an essential part of the secretive and unpredictable selection process.

IOC members seemed wowed, posing for photos with her and taking souvenir shots of the president with their cell phones. But, in the vote, Chicago was shunned.

Obama called Silva to congratulate him, but the nature of the loss still rang as a stinging anti-American rebuke. Close to half of the IOC's 106 members are Europeans.

"To have the president of the United States and his wife personally appear, then this should happen in the first round is awful and totally undeserving," senior Australian IOC member Kevan Gosper said.

French IOC member Guy Drut said "an excess of security" for the Obamas unsettled some of his colleagues. He complained that he'd been barred from crossing the lobby of his hotel for security reasons, and he grumbled that "nothing has been done" to resolve the financial disputes between the IOC and the USOC.

Of Obama's performance, Drut said: "He didn't do too much. Michelle Obama was exceptional."

"This morning the city was closed because of Barack Obama," he added.

In Chicago, there was bewildered silence when IOC president Jacques Rogge announced: "The city of Chicago, having obtained the least number of votes, will not participate in the next round."

On Rio's Copacabana beach, where nearly 50,000 people roared when the winning city was announced, the party headed into the night.

Rio spoke to IOC members' consciences: the city argued that it was simply unfair that South America has never hosted the games, while Europe, Asia and North America have done so repeatedly.

Survivors pulled from quake rubble

PADANG, Indonesia (AP) — Ratna Kurniasari Virgo lay surrounded by death for 40 hours — trapped with a broken leg between the collapsed walls of her college and the bodies of her dead friends.

Her rescue Friday was a rare tale of survival two days after a massive Indonesian earthquake killed at least 715 people and left nearly 3,000 missing under the rubble of tens of thousands of buildings.

The wail of ambulances and the stench of decomposing bodies met volunteers from dozens of relief agencies Friday as they poured into the worst-hit area around the regional capital of Padang.

Block after block of toppled hotels, hospitals, office buildings and schools had yet to be searched and dozens of unclaimed corpses were laid out in the scorching sun at Dr. M. Djamil General Hospital, Padang's biggest, which was damaged in the quake.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Obama reaches historic milestone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight months in office, Barack Obama has now pushed closer than any other president in generations to creating a basic health care safety net for working Americans. Yet the fate of legislation delivering on his goal is far from certain: Republicans are nearly unified in opposition, Democrats hardly united in support.

Indeed, few if any of the major arguments about the scope and costs of the historic undertaking are settled as congressional leaders prepare to take legislation to the floor in the next two weeks.

Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee came together early Friday — after 2 a.m. — to finish the heavy lifting on a bill designed to appeal to moderates. Obama hailed it as a milestone and noted, for history, that overhauling health care has eluded presidents from Harry S. Truman to Richard Nixon to Bill Clinton.

"We are now closer than ever before to finally passing reform that will offer security to those who have coverage and affordable insurance to those who don't," Obama said.

But not yet. And not for sure.

CBS News employee pleads not guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — A CBS News employee is out of jail on bond after pleading not guilty to trying to blackmail David Letterman for $2 million.

The plot spurred the TV host to acknowledge on the air that he had sexual relationships with female staffers on his show.

Robert J. Halderman entered his plea as he was arraigned on an attempted grand larceny charge Friday in a Manhattan court. He posted the $200,000 bail and was released from custody.

Prosecutors say Halderman demanded $2 million last month in exchange for not releasing information that would ruin Letterman's reputation. Letterman told his viewers Thursday that the threat concerned sexual liaisons with female staffers.

Halderman is a producer for the true-crime show "48 Hours."

Leader offers no support for Ensign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Ensign of Nevada was only beginning to emerge from a self-imposed political exile over fallout from his extramarital affair with a campaign aide. Now, tawdry new details about the case are raising fresh questions whether Ensign can be re-elected in 2012 — or even face criminal charges over his behavior.

If Ensign was looking for signs of support among Republican leaders on Capitol Hill on Friday, he didn't get any. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell declined repeatedly to answer questions about Ensign or offer any support. Other Republicans, already effectively a 60-40 minority in the Senate, also met the latest developments with silence, wary of speaking out until they see evidence of wrongdoing uncovered by the Senate ethics committee or federal law enforcement.

Ensign's one-time presidential ambitions imploded this summer after disclosures about the affair — including reports of his own efforts to hide it by finding a consulting and lobbying job for his mistress' husband, Doug Hampton, arranging for a $96,000 payment to the couple and doling out a promotion and pay raises to his mistress around the time of the affair. Ensign responded by keeping a low profile, rarely speaking to reporters and apologizing in meetings with constituents and Republican leaders in Nevada.

But in recent weeks, Ensign had started to play a more visible role on Capitol Hill. He managed the debate for Republicans on a bill designed to increase international tourism in the United States — a key issue for his home state. And although Ensign hasn't had a hand in shaping the landmark health care legislation, he has been a vocal critic of Democratic proposals.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $125,000.

Lottery officials said 67 players matched four numbers and won $274.50 each; 2,850 players matched three numbers and won $10.50 each; and 33,971 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	5-0-0
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-9-0
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-2-7-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-0-0-3
DAY QUINTO:	1-5-0-2-0
NIGHT QUINTO:	2-2-0-2-8
TREASURE HUNT:	03-08-17-23-30
CASH 5:	02-17-19-29-34
SUPER 7:	10-13-15-40-41-43 46-52-61-71-75

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	2-1-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-1-9
DAY PICK 4:	8-7-7-5
NIGHT PICK 4:	0-2-0-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	2-12-13-22-25

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

DAILY 3:	6-2-7
DAILY 4:	4-4-9-4
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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

For the life of Rostraver Township commissioner Ralph Iacoboni, who died this week at age 57 after a long battle with cancer. The Valley has lost several dedicated public servants this year, and Iacoboni will definitely be missed — as a public official, a business owner, a youth football coach and a friend.

There's good news on the home heating front as the days begin to get colder. Large supplies and reduced demand for both natural gas and home heating oil are expected to result in lower rates for both. While some believe a 40 percent drop is possible over the rest of the year, a colder-than-expected winter could push prices back up at the start of 2010.

For the annual Pioneer Days celebration, which will take place today and Sunday in Perryopolis. In addition to food and entertainment, the festival offers a trip back in time with a glimpse of what life used to be like in western Pennsylvania.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Doylestown) Intelligencer on a country club discrimination case:

When the story of a Lower Moreland swim club's decision to deny Philadelphia day campers the use of its pool broke over the summer, we wanted to believe the club's explanation for what it did. We wanted to believe the club canceled the camp's paid contract out of safety concerns and not because the young campers were of African-American and Hispanic descent. We wanted to believe racist comments allegedly made by one of the club members and overheard by one of the campers were simply the rantings of a single individual and did not reflect any widespread racist feeling among the club membership.

The conclusions of an investigator for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission have left our initial beliefs in tatters. It now seems quite clear that children from Creative Steps summer camp got the boot because of the color of their skin. The flurry of e-mails passing among club officials and club members between the time campers showed up at the Valley Club and the short time later when camp director Alethea Wright was informed that summer camps, including hers, were no longer welcome carried definite racial undertones. More than five dozen subsequent complaints filed on behalf of the camp children sparked the commission investigation.

Caught in the middle of the controversy was swim club president John Duesler, who initially welcomed the campers with open arms in keeping with the club's anti-discrimination policy. But the undercurrent of racial sentiment, documented by the e-mail trail, turned out to be far stronger than the isolated comments of a single club member. That a number of e-mails calling for an end to the camp's use of the pool carried a disclaimer stating opposition was not race-related was a definite tip-off that opposition, in fact, was race-related.

The outcry that followed generated national headlines. In an effort at damage control, the club invited the campers back in addition to guaranteed membership and discounts on the membership fees. Not good enough. The state commission suggested a series of punitive actions that includes payment of damages by the club and a civil penalty of $50,000. The commission's report is not formally binding but indicates the seriousness of its findings.

What happens next is up to officials of the club and the camp. They are to sit down together and try to come to some kind of voluntary settlement agreement. Failing that, the matter would go before the full state Human Relations Commission for a legally binding opinion.

Though the revelations in the commission report indeed opened our eyes, we haven't changed our feeling from a couple of months ago: It would be in the interests of all parties to settle this dispute among themselves. If it was the camp's objective to shed light on a stubborn pocket of racial discrimination — one that likely is representative of the feelings in countless other supposedly "enlightened" communities — then it has done that, showing that we still have a ways to go in the long struggle to achieve racial harmony.

Beyond that and whatever accommodation the swim club and the camp can reach, we see nothing to be gained by continuing to beat the swim club into total submission. The kids won't see much of any kind of huge financial payoff, if there is one. But the club will almost surely be ruined if it has to pay a big fine, and then there will be one less place for children and adults of all races to enjoy. Is there any point in that?

The swim club made a bad decision, has already paid a hefty price and is trying to make amends. That should be enough. Something good can emerge from this bad experience if everyone is willing to move on.

Adopt a legislator

Brad **BUMSTED**

Even when they are not voting on the House floor, most lawmakers collect $158 per diems for food and lodging.

Those per diems may be for committee hearings, when they are summoned by the speaker or caucus leader or just if they stay an extra day in Harrisburg and work in their office.

Some of them spent a lot of days in their office over the past few months.

House and Senate members of both parties, about 170 in all, racked up $532,000 in per diems in July and August during the first two months of the still-ongoing budget impasse. It's money taxpayers would not have had to shell out if the budget had been completed July 1, as required by law. That's a conservative figure because some lawmakers didn't submit their per diems yet.

And now Gov. Ed Rendell wants them to stay in session non-stop until there's a budget approved (now three months and counting.)

There are two types of per diems when House members aren't in voting session. They are so-called "non-session per diems" and "non-voting session per diems." After the article was published, some legislators were quibbling over the difference. In either case, they weren't voting and collected the money.

A "non-voting session per diem" is a real gem. The House is technically in session but as one staffer says, lawmakers don't have to be there.

Leaders move bills into position. And it's perfectly OK to take a per diem.

It's a token session.

Some legislators own property in Harrisburg and use the per diem to pay their share of the lease or mortgage. Many stay in hotels.

A Canonsburg woman I interviewed for the per diem article thinks there's got to be a better way. She's offended by the extra costs to taxpayers when the state is running a deficit.

Judy Kandel, a retired accounts payable clerk, says there's no way each legislator should go off on his or her own and get a motel room.

There's no accountability, Kandel says, since lawmakers don't have to show receipts for the per diems.

Kandel believes the state should supervise some type of no-frills apartment complex for legislators when they're in town. It should have kitchens legislators can share to cook their own meals, she says.

She's not suggesting the state build a facility. "I'm sure there are facilities in the area, even if they're 10 miles away," she said.

The problem with a low-budget set of rooms is that in no time at all, the Legislature would add a sauna, then a gym, a pool, basketball court, maybe a bar and in no time at all you'd have a private club, which is what many people think the Legislature is anyway.

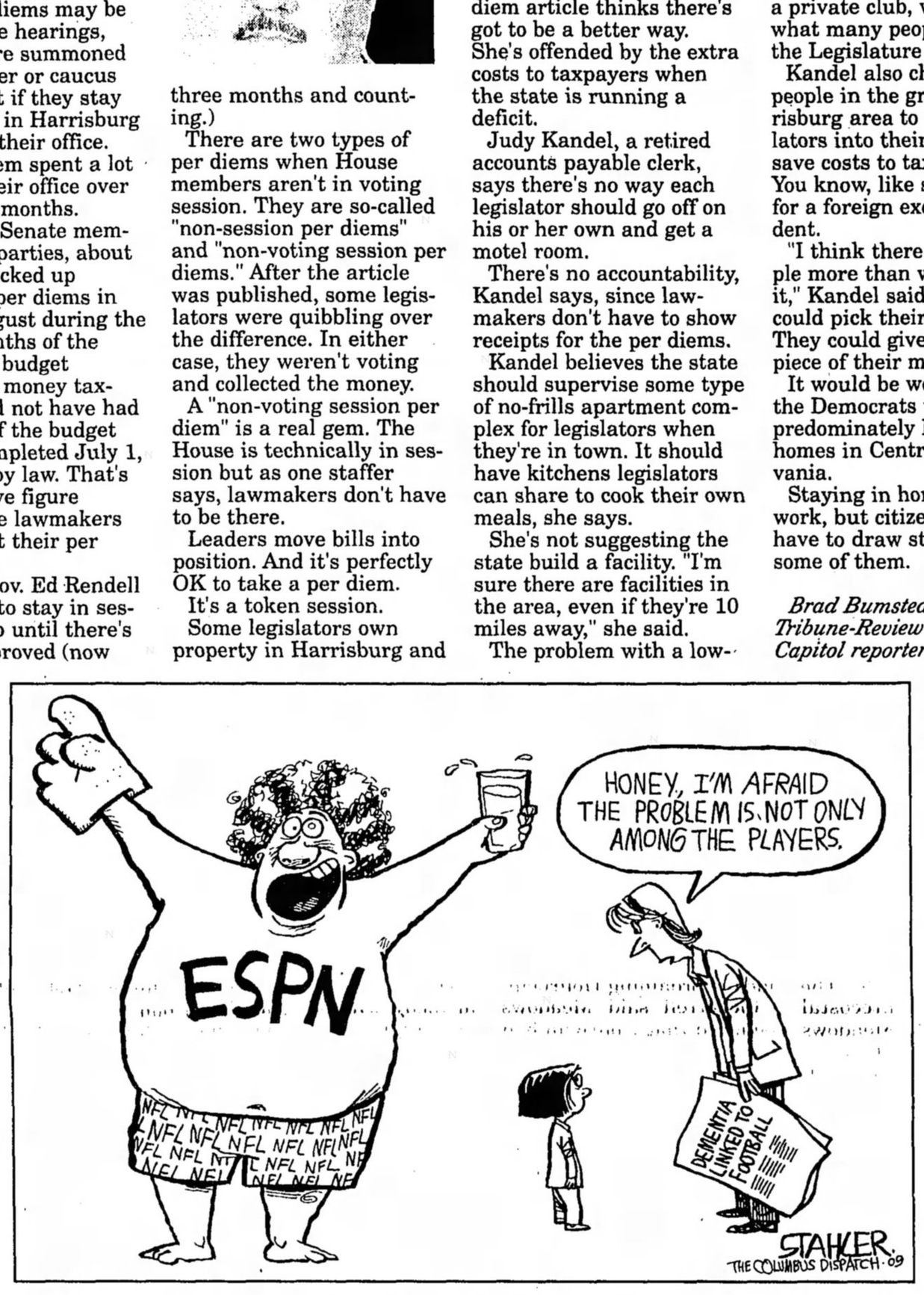
Kandel also challenges people in the greater Harrisburg area to take legislators into their homes to save costs to taxpayers. You know, like signing up for a foreign exchange student.

"I think there will be people more than willing to do it," Kandel said. "They could pick their brains. They could give them a piece of their minds."

It would be wonderful for the Democrats to stay in predominately Republican homes in Central Pennsylvania.

Staying in homes might work, but citizens would have to draw straws for some of them.

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.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Bill Safire: A whip-smart word wonk

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

This week marked Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. Observant Jews fast until sundown, then celebrate with a festive meal.

For more than 30 years, we were privileged to attend a "break fast" party hosted by Bill Safire, convivial (if occasionally cantankerous) conservative columnist, polished (and highly prolific) political pundit and whip-smart word wonk given to lilting (but also lacerating) linguistic legerdemain. (Bill was a great fan of alliteration, and the best-known line he ever wrote — voiced publicly by Vice President Spiro Agnew — called the press "nattering nabobs of negativism.")

This year, the party invitation arrived as usual in early September. We looked forward to walking through the door, or into the garden if the evening was a mild one, to be greeted by Bill's twinkling smile. (He lived just a few blocks from where we are writing this, in a neighborhood, ironically, once closed to Jews.)

Then a few weeks ago a note came from his wife, Helene: Bill was not feeling well, the party was canceled; hopefully, it would be renewed next year. It won't be. Bill died of pancreatic cancer the day before Yom Kippur. The next night we gathered with a small group of friends, all Safire regulars, and traded memories of our old pal. But we missed Bill, and the dishes he loved to serve that reflected his New York and Eastern European origins: pickled herring, beef brisket and a delectable noodle pudding called kugel.

Over the years, many people wanted to write about the Safire party, but Bill always discouraged them. Perhaps he was concerned that so many Jews gathering in one place would fuel anti-Semitic fantasies. And there were security issues: A determined terrorist could wipe out a big chunk of the capital's Jewish intelligentsia.

But the party so reflected Bill's character that, with his death, it's now appropriate to describe it. We were first invited when Steve joined the Washington, D.C., bureau of the New York Times in 1977, four years after Bill had become a columnist. Barry Goldwater's nomination in 1964 and Richard Nixon's victories in 1968 and 1972 (with Safire writing speeches for him) convinced a lot of papers that they had to reflect this new conservative uprising in their editorial pages. The Times had outbid the Washington Post, which wanted Safire as well.

Since Roberts is not obviously a Jewish name, Bill's assistant discreetly inquired about Steve's religious affiliation. And yes, his Catholic wife, Cokie, was definitely included in the invitation. During those first years, many guests would ask Cokie, in one way or another, "What are you doing here?" And she would jokingly reply, "You mean 'What is a nice Catholic girl like me doing in a place like this?'"

But anyone who knew Bill knew what she was doing there. As Safire the etymologist would tell you, the word "catholic" is derived from the Greek word "katholikos," meaning "universal." At his parties, the lowliest news clerks mixed with the highest editors; non-Jewish spouses were eagerly embraced; liberals and conservatives shared their lives while chomping chopped liver.

Those are moments that happen all too rarely in Washington these days: folks crossing ideological lines, and forming friendships, in church pews and school auditoriums, on ball fields and dog parks. Today, this city is full of rigid and self-righteous purists, on both sides, who fill their blogs and columns, political speeches and cable-TV shows, with sterile and predictable talking points.

Bill Safire was seldom predictable. With the possible exception of one subject — Israel — he was a fresh and fertile writer who thought for himself. Even though he had worked for Nixon and other Republicans, he was not interested in secondhand or warmed-over opinions. He called himself a "libertarian conservative," but you had to read Safire, or watch him on television, because you were never sure what he would say.

One example: When National Public Radio was going through a financial crisis and suffering fierce attacks from conservative critics, Cokie asked Bill to sign a newspaper ad supporting the network. "I can't do that," he replied. "The Times won't let me. But I can do something better: I can write a column supporting NPR." And he did.

Another example: Safire strongly endorsed the invasion of Iraq and believed that Saddam Hussein was harboring weapons of mass destruction. But as a staunch civil libertarian, he vigorously condemned the administration's policy of torturing terrorist suspects for information.

Bill was his own man until the end, a warm, wise, wily, whip-smart word wonk.

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RELIGION

Kentucky church ordains sex offender as minister

New minister, who seved 5 years in prison, is listed on state's sex offender registry.

By DYLAN T. LOVAN
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A tiny Louisville church's newest minister is a gifted music leader and popular among its three dozen members.

Mark Hourigan is also a sex offender. Almost a decade ago, long before he joined the flock at the City of Refuge Worship Center, he was convicted of sexually abusing an 11-year-old boy in central Kentucky. Hourigan served a five-year sentence and the 41-year-old was placed on Kentucky's sex offender registry for the rest of his life.

A former leader at the church along with an abuse victims advocacy group say Hourigan is a risk to hurt another child and he should not have been placed in a position of authority.

"He's still a threat" to children, said Cal Pfeiffer, who was abused by a Catholic priest as a young student in Louisville in the late 1950s and early 60s.

Pfeiffer and experts on religion and sexual abuse believe it could be the first time a convicted sex offender has been knowingly ordained as a minister in a Christian church.

"It sets a precedent," said Pfeiffer, a member of a group that has protested Hourigan's ordination. "It elevates him to an ordained minister which almost automatically conveys a level of trust and responsibility."

The church's pastor, the Rev. Randy Meadows, ordained Hourigan during a service on Sept. 13. The self-described Pentecostal church, started by Meadows and a handful of other members six years ago, welcomes anyone "regardless of race, religion, culture (or) sexual orientation," according to its Web site. It also has a Sunday school for children.

Meadows declined several requests from The Associated Press for an interview, but said in a brief phone conversation that the church has not experienced any backlash based on the decision to ordain a convicted pedophile.

"We're just finished with the whole ordeal with everything, so we're moving on," Meadows said.

There was no phone listing for Hourigan and no one answered the door during a reporter's two visits to the apartment listed on Hourigan's sex offender registration.

Church members aren't talking about it, either. Several calls to members listed on the church's Web site were not returned; people outside the church declined to comment to reporters during two visits to the church as services were beginning or ending.

But a pastor and friend to Meadows who attended Hourigan's ordination said the church's board gave Meadows and Hourigan its full support.

"It was a really beautiful ceremony," said the Rev. Aletha Fields, a high school teacher and gay rights activist. "The sanctuary was full because there were people from out of town."

Fields, who sometimes serves as a guest pastor, said she asked Meadows about why he decided to make Hourigan a church leader.

"I asked him flat out about it because I wanted to get behind his thinking," she said. Meadows believes firmly in the "redemptive power of Jesus Christ," and told her Hourigan had served his prison term and completed probation.

"I believe they followed Biblical principle," Fields said.

One of the church's founders, Kevin Pickerrell, said he left last year over plans to ordain Hourigan. He said Meadows assured church members that Hourigan wouldn't minister to children, but Pickerrell continued to balk at the idea of ordaining Hourigan.

Pickerrell said Meadows believed that Hourigan had been reformed.

"He tried to convince me that Mark had changed," Pickerrell said of Meadows.

Hourigan said in an interview with CNN in September that wants to minister to others like him "who have been rejected." Hourigan said he has learned not to put himself in situations where he might be tempted and to seek counsel when he's having "emotional problems ... so it doesn't turn into something that it has in the past."

Pickerrell said Hourigan "has an illness that you can't cure."

Recidivism rates are high for sex offenders, with more than half reoffending, said Keith F. Durkin, a criminologist at Ohio Northern University who has studied pedophiles. He said that rate increases when the crimes involve prepubescent children, like Hourigan's victim.

"I cannot possibly see him being reformed," Durkin said. "(Sexual desire) is the most powerful drive we have as a human and (for a child sexual abuser) it's kids."

Pickerrell said Hourigan was a "wonderful" music leader at the church and was well-liked when Pickerrell attended services. But he and Pfeiffer said they worry that Hourigan can present himself as a minister to strangers who don't know his past.

Hourigan was arrested on one count each of first-degree sodomy and sexual abuse in Marion County, Ky., in 1998, according to court records. An indictment said the abuses occurred between 1993 and 1994. Hourigan pleaded guilty a year later to two counts of sexual abuse. The terms of Hourigan's parole, which he completed in June 2008, included an order that he not serve in any leadership capacity at a church with youths.

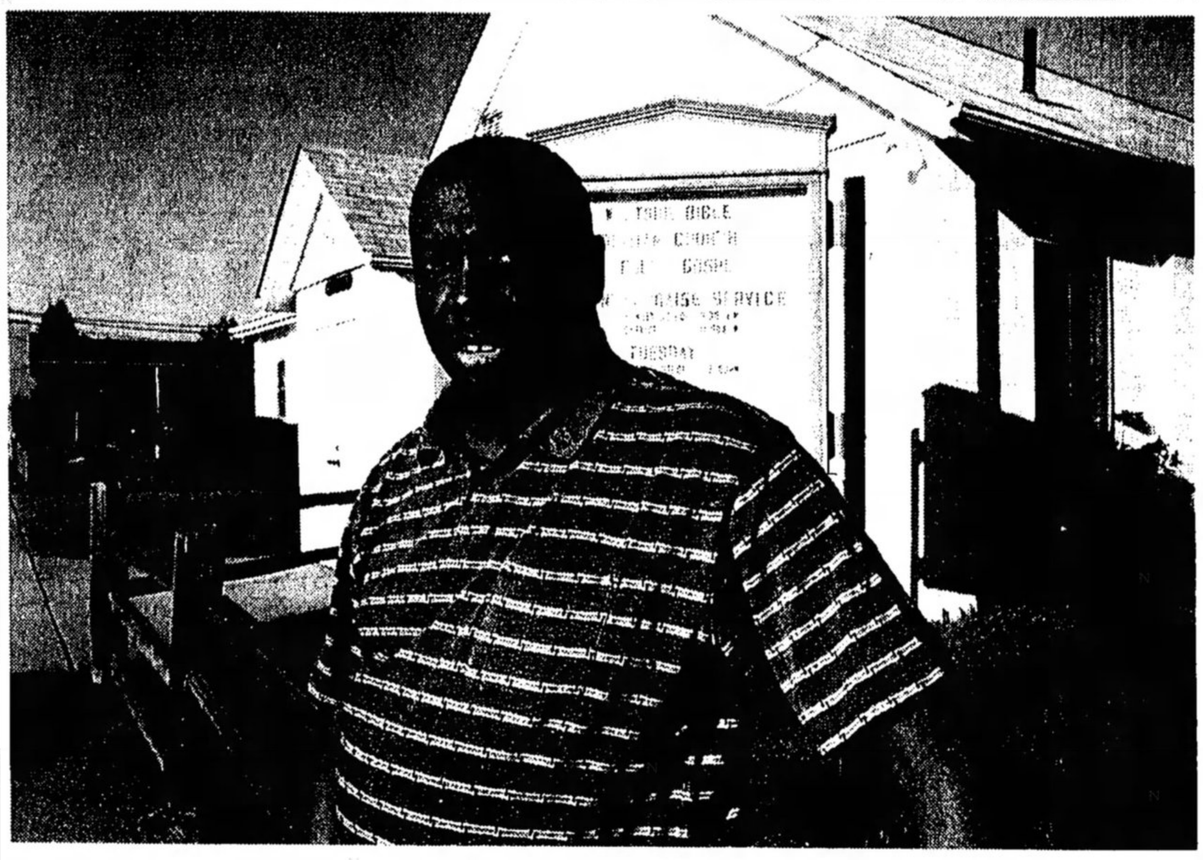
Pfeiffer's group, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP), sent a letter to the church but Pfeiffer said members have not responded.

Pastor Meadows, as a Pentecostal, may hold a strong belief in the healing power of the Holy Spirit, which could explain why he believes Hourigan can be reformed, experts said.

They "believe absolutely anybody can be healed of absolutely anything, no exceptions," said Paul Alexander, a professor of Theology and Ethics at Azusa Pacific University in California.

Meadows told CNN that Hourigan's faith has helped him reform, but he pledged to monitor the former sex offender closely.

"I don't take anything lightly when it comes to someone's past," Meadows said.



Associated Press

The Rev. Lawrence Adams is shown outside his Westside Bible Church in Detroit earlier this week. Responding to a break-in at his church last Sunday evening, Adams surprised a burglar carrying out a bag of loot and shot the man in the abdomen after the man swung the bag at him. The burglar survived, for which Adams is grateful, but the reverend said he could have been hurt or killed if he had not been armed.

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

The Cerces

Gospel music group to appear in Belle Vernon

The Cerces, of Springfield, Mo., will present a gospel music celebration 10 a.m. Oct. 11 at the Char-Belle Free Methodist Church, Arch and Speer streets, Belle Vernon.

Cliff Cerce is the baritone, piano player and manager of the group. He also arranges all of the group's music. Originally from Paterson, NJ, Cliff is a former pastor and evangelist, and traveled previously with The Gabriels and The Forerunners. Cliff was a studio musician, recording engineer and producer, having produced projects for James Blackwood, The Couriers and Dan Betzer, among others, and worked with The Couriers with their TV ministry. He also produced and engineered "Revivaltime" for eight years, which was the official radio broadcast of a major denomination, airing in 600 markets in 85 countries.

Local churches to welcome guest preacher Sunday

St. Paul Baptist Church, 49 South McKean Ave., Donora, will welcome the Rev. Henry Billingsley as its guest preacher for the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Billingsley is an associate minister at New Jerusalem Baptist Church in McKeesport. He and his wife reside in Carnegie. He works as a juvenile probation officer in the Washington County area. Billingsley previously pastored at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in McKeesport.

Prior to the service, Billingsley will perform the rite of water baptism to the following: Randall Bradley, Tina Nedley and Audrey Exum.

A continental breakfast will be served from 9:15 to 10 a.m.

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Roscoe church joining global Communion service

The Roscoe Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon will join with churches around the world for the annual celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service.

The Roscoe service will be led by the Rev. Matthew Campion with the Rev. Millie Adams leading the Communion service.

In Belle Vernon, a salad luncheon will follow in fellowship hall.

Also, an offering will be accepted to support peacemaking efforts of organizations throughout the world.

Military struggles to find chaplains

The approaching retirement of many chaplains promises to compound the problem.

By The Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — Finding enough chaplains to minister to troops has become a difficult task.

The Kansas Air National Guard has two of its six chaplain positions unfilled, while the Kansas Army National Guard is faring worse with nine of 15 slots vacant.

Officials with the Kansas Army National Guard describe the high vacancy rate as typical of other Guard units across the country.

The Kansas Army National Guard says efforts to address the shortage, including a $10,000 sign-on bonus, $4,500 in tuition assistance and extending the age limit for new enlistees, have done little to help so far.

The approaching retirement of many chaplains promises to compound the problem in the future.

The job of a military chaplain is to ensure that the spiritual needs of troops are met — a task that involves leading religious services and Bible studies and providing individual counseling.

But a host of reasons are making recruitment a challenge, including the danger of serving in war-torn areas and the reluctance of churches to stick with pastors who are deployed for several months at a time.

The Rev. Don Davidson, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Topeka and the head of the Kansas National Guard's chaplain program, said the shortage has resulted in chaplains facing repeated deployments.

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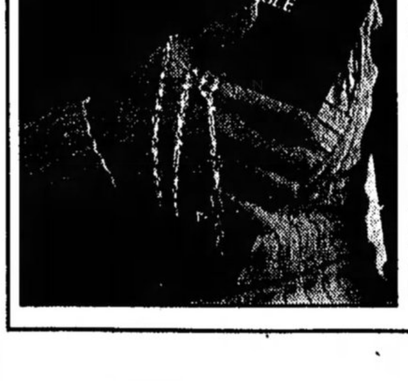

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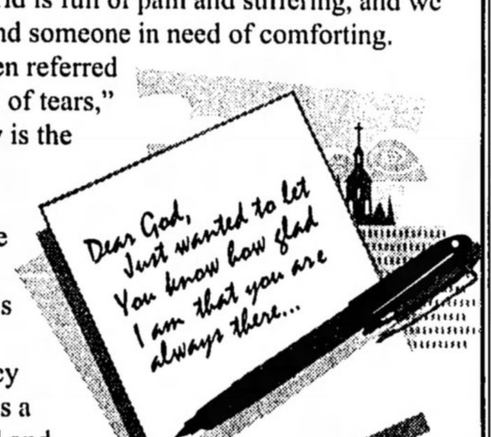
Write a Letter to God

The fourth spiritual work of mercy is to comfort the sorrowful. Unfortunately, the world is full of pain and suffering, and we need not look far to find someone in need of comforting. Philosophers have often referred to this realm as a "veil of tears," suggesting that sorrow is the essence of our earthly existence. But surely, that goes too far. There is joy amongst the sadness, and great evils often give rise to incredible acts of mercy and forgiveness. Life is a mixed bag, some good and some bad, and what gives our lives meaning is the ability to improve the balance of good over bad. Sometimes, this involves increasing the happiness of others and at other times it means decreasing their pain. Comforting the sorrowful may be as simple as sending a sympathy card to someone who has lost a loved one or it may be as complicated as rescuing someone who is suicidal. Often, the other person just needs someone to be with and listen to them. We should not feel compelled to give them advice nor should we presume that we understand what they are going through. More appropriately, we should just let them know that we truly care about them and are there to listen and help. We may wish to consider suggesting or even arranging professional help for the person suffering. Most people who are deeply suffering would benefit from professional counseling of some kind, whether it is with their pastor, their doctor, or a psychotherapist. Finally, although we should not assume that we can do the work of a trained professional, we should try to be there for them in their hour of need.



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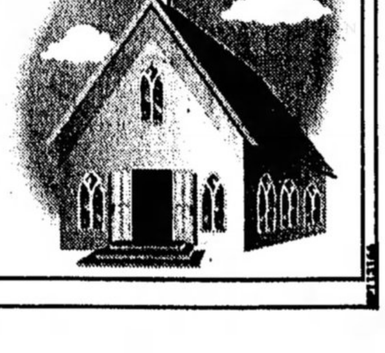

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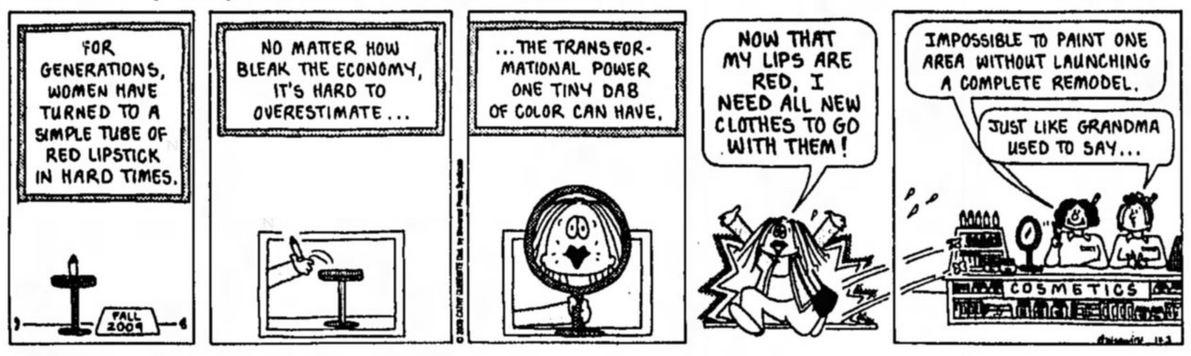
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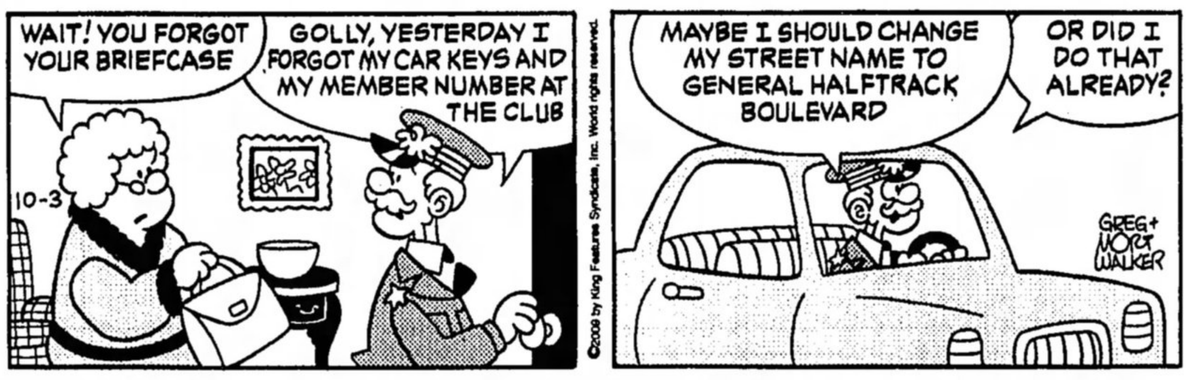
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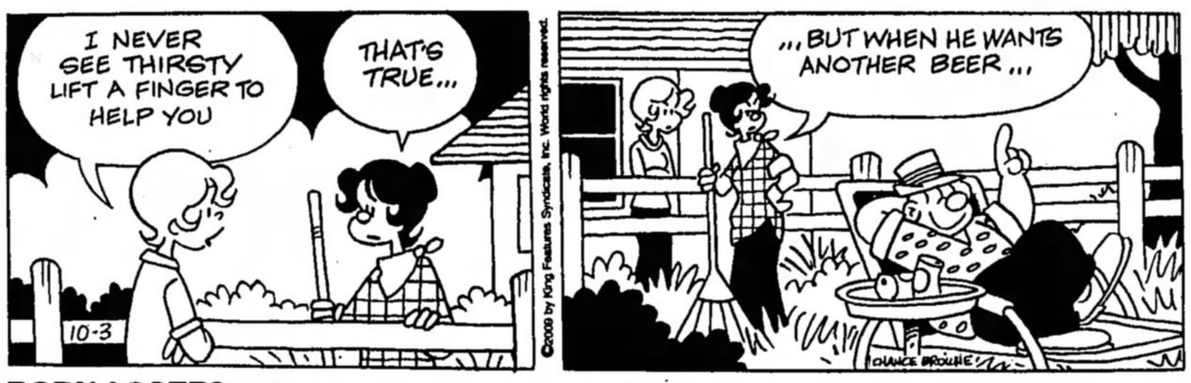
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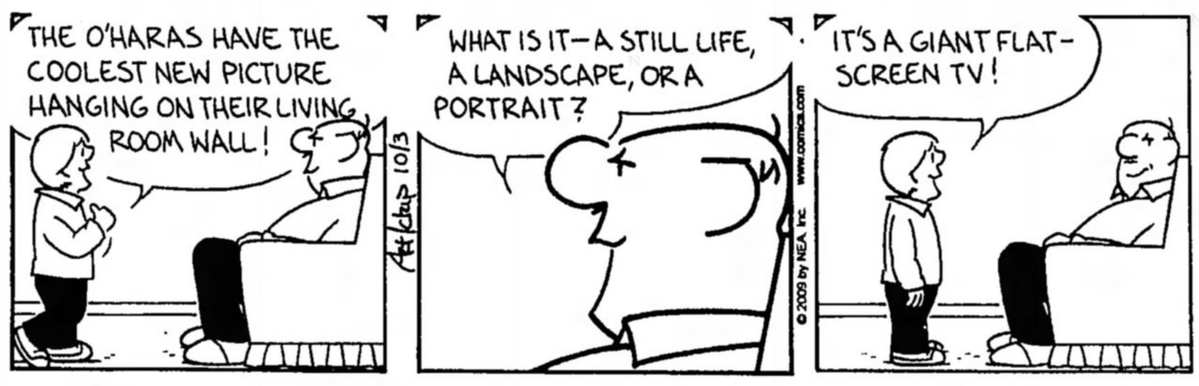
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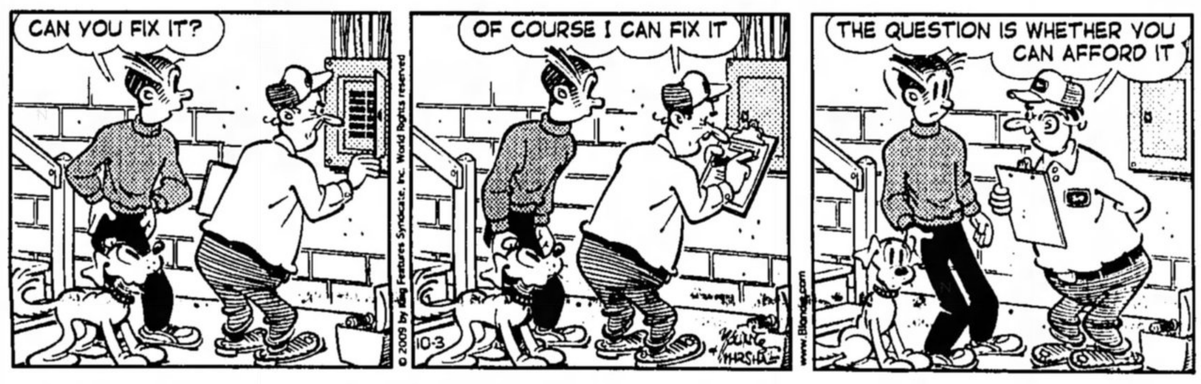
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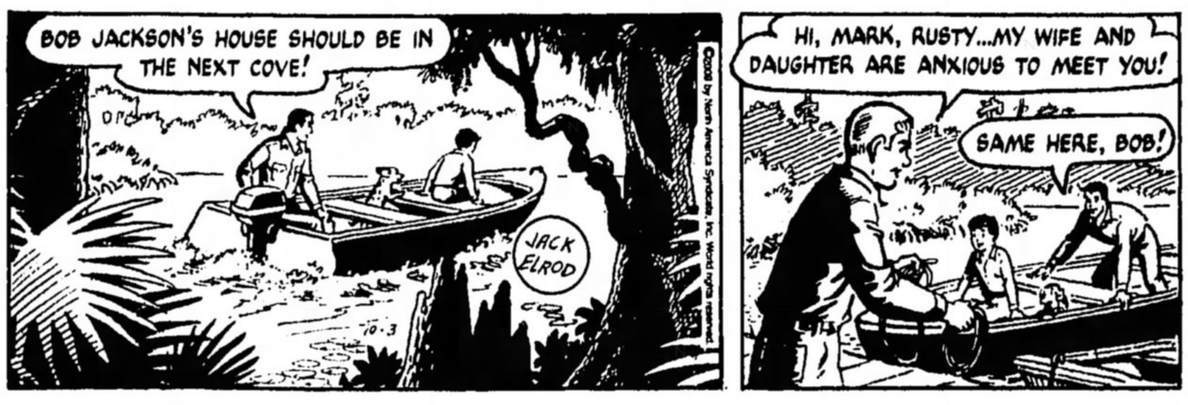
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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1 Extremist sect
5 Son of Val and Aleta
8 Reduced
12 Indiana neighbor
13 Scare word
14 Margarine
15 Run into
16 Nearly fell
18 Flag down
20 Back when
21 Hot spring
22 Loose garments
25 Fasten down a tent
28 Usual food
29 Sphagnum moss
33 Web maker
35 Slugger — Guerrero
36 Playing card
37 Change
38 Tie-dyed garments
39 Iowa city
41 Curvy letter
42 Sudden urge
45 Come unzipped
48 Well-chosen
49 DeMille genre
52 Like a good alibi
55 Crackle
57 Merriment
58 Monsieur's summer
59 Cajun veggie
60 A few
61 Min. fraction
62 Bulfinch specialty

DOWN

1 Kernel holder
2 "Forget it!" (hyph.)
3 Andean capital
4 Theme
5 Delts neighbor
6 Turn on an axis
7 Chewy candy
8 Easy toss
9 Architects' wings
10 Trickle
11 Fizzy drink
17 Wk. starter
19 Filled with cargo
23 Pine cousin
24 Stepped on the gas
25 Furtive sound
26 Fencer's weapon
27 Contribute
30 Actress — Falco
31 Pet shop sounds
32 Playpen items
34 Mr. Arnaz
35 Search party
37 "Mad Max" Gibson
39 Lunchbox items
40 Evolve
43 Fleetwood —
44 — salts
45 Rock-band bookings
46 Woody's son
47 Jingle
50 Black as night
51 Farm vehicle
53 Once named
54 Last mo.
56 Cry of disgust

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Celebrate Diwali with sweets, snacks

Both types of food contribute to this Indian holiday celebration.

By MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

If you rolled a bit of Christmas, New Year's Eve and the Fourth of July all into one, then catered the affair with heaps of sweets and savory snacks, you'd begin to get a taste for what it means to celebrate Diwali, India's best known festival.

The sugary treats known as "mithai" — thousands of tons are prepared for Diwali every year — tend to get most of the attention during this holiday that marks the victory of good over evil and light over darkness.

But Indian food is all about balance and contrasts. Salty, spicy snacks collectively referred to as "namkeen" or "karam" play an equally important role during Diwali, which this year falls on Oct. 17.

Piquant little diamonds called shankarpali; chili-spiked mixes of flaked rice and lentils called chivda; and crisp, golden noodles called ribbon pakoda serve as both munchies and gifts, the latter an element as critical to Diwali as to Christmas.

"It's a time when a lot of family connections and kinship ties are strengthened," says Sharmila Sen, a humanities editor at Harvard University Press and expert on Indian food. "For women, it's important that their families send these elaborate presentations of nuts and savories to their husband's family, thereby strengthening the ties."

The legends behind Diwali — a word taken from the Sanskrit word dipavali meaning "row of lights" — vary by region in India, but people of every faith line windows and doorways with small clay or silver oil lamps, and trim homes, shops and businesses with brightly colored lights. Firecrackers pop and screech from early morning. Businesses close their fiscal year and open new books.

Diwali also is a time for visiting friends and family, and the delicate, time-consuming savories — which are easily made in large quantities — are exchanged between homes.

"In one neighborhood you're going to have 50 or 60 families and you're going to feed all the immediate neighbors," says Abraham Varghese, executive chef at Washington's Indique Heights, who recalled rolling and cutting shankarpali with his brothers as a child. "We would go to all the homes we knew, and to the poor home."

The treats often are wrapped as colorfully as possible, baled in reds, golds, greens and marigold, the colors of happiness and auspicious beginnings, Sen says.

In times past, gifts would be placed on platters and draped in elaborate fabrics. Today, they are more likely to come in wrapping paper that mimics the patterns of those fabrics or in colorful cellophane.

Bright cardboard boxes, platters fashioned from dried palm or banana leaves, and clay pots also are used. Occasionally, a silver platter is used to deliver the savories to a very important client or hard-to-please in-laws.

The idea of giving savories — as well as sweets — is rooted in the principles of Indian cooking. Indian cuisine is about balancing taste elements, about playing hot, sour, sweet, salty, bitter, astringent and umami (savory) off one another, says Raghavan Iyer, an award-winning cookbook author and chef at Minneapolis restaurant Om.

"With Indian food you have to associate the word 'balance,'" he says. "So in addition to the sweets, savory does play a big role."

Crisp, spicy snacks serve another crucial function at Diwali. Because they are deep-fried, they keep for weeks in air-tight containers. Which means a host can always have a big stash on hand to accommodate hungry holiday visitors.

"Diwali is all about snacking," says Sangeetha Sarma, a Washington food publicist who grew up in the South Indian city of Chennai. "It's the Festival of Lights, but it's really like Thanksgiving."

While many homes in India will have a special cutter to make the diamond shape of these Spicy Shankarpali, a pizza cutter will also work fine.

Associated Press

'Tis the season for Spicy Shankarpali

These diamond-shaped Diwali staples come in sweet and savory versions. Though Indian families will often have a special cutting tool to make the shape, it is easily replicated with a fluted (or traditional) pizza cutter.

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 8

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup whole-wheat flour
2 teaspoons rice flour
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon slightly crushed cumin seeds (optional)
Pinch asafetida
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons hot vegetable or canola oil
Water
Vegetable or canola oil for frying

In a large bowl, combine all three flours, the cayenne pepper, cumin seeds, asafetida and salt. Add the hot oil and mix well. While mixing, add water by the tablespoon until a stiff dough forms (about 1/4 cup of water total). It should be roughly the consistency of pie crust. Let the dough rest for 30 minutes.

Form the dough into a ball and place on a large piece of waxed or parchment paper. Roll out the dough until about 1/8 inch thick. Using a pizza cutter or sharp knife, cut diagonal lines across the circle. Then cut in the opposite direction to form small diamond shapes.

In a large, deep skillet over medium, heat about 1 inch of oil. To test the oil, place a small piece of bread it in; it should sizzle.

Working in batches, lift the edge of the paper slightly, peel off several pieces of dough and fry until golden, about 1 minute per side. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to paper towels to drain. When cooled to room temperature, store in a sealed container for several days.

Italian take on pulled pork

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Spicy pulled pork over polenta only sounds like a culture clash. It oozes comfort and it makes more sense than you might think.

Polenta, which is made from cornmeal, isn't all that far removed from the corn tortillas and chips that partner so nicely with the Mexican flavors used to season the pulled pork.

To keep this dish convenient, the soft polenta is made from a purchased prepared variety sold in tubes. Chopped and simmered with milk, this polenta quickly softens. Alternatively, you could skip the simmering step and instead oil and grill slices of the polenta.

Pulled Pork on Soft Polenta

Start to finish: 45 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 4

1-pound pork loin, cut into 3- to 4-inch sections
16-ounce tube prepared polenta
3/4 cup whole milk
3/4 cup grated manchego cheese
1 tablespoon minced jarred jalapeno pepper slices
1 cup spicy barbecue sauce
1 cup salsa, drained
1/2 cup lightly crushed tortilla chips (optional)

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the pork. Boil for 15 minutes, or until cooked through.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium, combine the polenta and milk. Heat, mashing and stirring the polenta, until smooth and creamy. Add additional milk if needed to reach a smooth consistency. Stir in the cheese and jalapeno peppers. Cover and set aside.

When the pork is ready, remove it from the water. Discard the water and seasonings. Use forks or your fingers to pull the chunks apart into strands and return them to the pot.

Associated Press

A wonderful comfort food, this Pulled Pork on Soft Polenta puts an Italian twist to pulled pork.

Add the barbecue sauce and salsa to the pork. Heat over medium-low until warm.

To serve, spoon polenta onto each plate, then top with pulled pork. Sprinkle with crushed tortilla chips, if using.

SCHOOL MENUS

Here's a look at the school menus for the week of Oct. 5:

BELLE VERNON AREA

Breakfast

Daily alternatives: Cereal, muffin, milk and juice; yogurt, muffin, milk and juice.

Monday – Yogurt, apple, toast.

Tuesday – Funnel cake/sausage.

Wednesday – Hot pocket.

Thursday – Assorted bagels and cream cheese.

Friday – No school-Act 80 Day.

Lunch

Daily alternatives: Chef salad; ham and turkey sandwich; peanut butter and jelly; cheese sandwich.

Monday – Steak and cheese hoagie, vegetables, pineapples.

Tuesday – Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, tossed salad, pears.

Wednesday – Barbecued chicken strips, broccoli and cheese, applesauce.

Thursday – Meatball sub, fries, corn, fruit gelatin.

Friday – No school-Act 80 Day.

CALIFORNIA AREA

Breakfast and Lunch choices: Breakfast and Lunch: Skim, strawberry, chocolate or white milk.

Lunch: Vegetable or tossed salad; peanut butter and jelly or tuna sandwich

Breakfast

Monday – cereal, juice, s'more

Tuesday – Toast, juice, breakfast pizza

Wednesday – Doughnut, juice, cereal

Thursday – Juice, toast, pancake sausage on stick

Friday – Super bun, cereal, juice

Lunch

Monday – Nachos with beef and cheese, corn, chocolate chip cookie, assorted fruit

Tuesday – Turkey and cheese sandwich, onion rings, assorted fruit

Wednesday – Hamburger/cheeseburger, green beans, cole slaw, fruit or assorted pudding

Thursday – Breaded chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, wheat roll, assorted fruit

Friday – Stuffed crust, pepperoni or garlic pizza, corn, assorted fruit

GEIBEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch

Monday – Grilled cheese, tomato soup, tater tots, fruit, dessert, milk

Tuesday – Ham and turkey wraps, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, fruit, dessert, milk

Wednesday – Chicken patty sandwich, scalloped potatoes, corn, dessert, fruit, milk

Thursday – Penne pasta, breadsticks, green beans, dessert, fruit milk, salad bar

Friday – Chicken nuggets, French fries, vegetable, dessert, fruit, milk

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Whole spices best for flavor and value

Experts say they last much longer than the ground variety.

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

When fat is cut from recipes, flavor can follow. That's when spices become the key to making lighter foods taste great. And if you want to get the most out of your spices, it's best to follow a few simple tips.

Whenever possible, buy whole spices, says Raghavan Iyer, author of "660 Curries." Spices get their flavor from the oils inside. Once the spices are ground, the oils lose potency, which means freshly ground peppercorns pack more flavor than pepper purchased already ground.

Whole spices also are a better value. Stored in airtight, glass containers away from heat, says Iyer, whole spices will stay fresh for at least a year. Ground spices last for only a few months.

Buy spices from the bulk section of a natural food store so that you can buy only what you need for a short period. That helps ensure your supply is always fresh. Prices for bulk also tend to be lower than for packaged.

For grinding whole spices, a mortar and pestle are nice, but an inexpensive electric coffee grinder is faster and more convenient.

Iyer's recipe for curried chickpeas in coconut sauce gets a fiery burst of flavor from a freshly ground blend of pan-roasted chilies and coriander seeds.

The curry, which can be served as a side or main course, is traditionally prepared in India as an offering to the goddess of learning during the Hindu celebration of lights called Diwali.

Chickpeas in Coconut Sauce

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 8

5 teaspoons sesame oil or canola oil
2 tablespoons yellow split peas, picked over for stones
1 teaspoon coriander seeds
2 to 4 dried Thai or cayenne chilies, stems removed
2 cups water
1 teaspoon tamarind paste or concentrate
1 teaspoon black or yellow mustard seeds
3 cups canned or cooked chickpeas, drained
2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt or sea salt
1/4 teaspoon turmeric
1/2 cup shredded dried unsweetened coconut, reconstituted
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro

In a medium saucepan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the split peas, coriander seeds and chilies. Cook, stirring constantly, until the split peas and coriander seeds are reddish brown and the chilies have blackened slightly, about 1 to 2 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat. Using a slotted spoon, skim off the spices and transfer them to a plate to cool for about 5 minutes. Do not discard the oil.

Once the spices are cool, put them in a spice grinder and grind until the texture resembles that of finely ground black pepper.

In a medium bowl, combine the water and tamarind paste. Whisk to dissolve the tamarind.

Return the saucepan to medium-high heat. When the oil is warmed, add the mustard seeds. Cover the pan and cook until the seeds have stopped popping (similar to popcorn), about 30 seconds.

Stir in the chickpeas, salt and turmeric. Stir to coat the chickpeas evenly with the spices. Pour in the tamarind water and bring to a boil. Lower the heat to medium and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the chickpeas absorb the flavors, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in the ground spices, coconut and cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 170 calories; 63 calories from fat; 7 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 20 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 5 g fiber; 907 mg sodium.

— Recipe adapted from Raghavan Iyer's "660 Curries," Workman Publishing, 2008.

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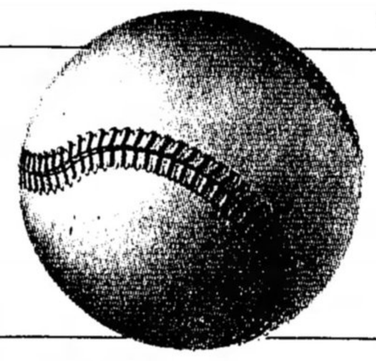

Last night's games

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Florida 7, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 1
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1

Charleroi stuns Jeannette

Quentin Briggs runs for 175 yards as Jayhawks suffer their fifth home loss of the decade.

By MARK KATARSKI
For The Valley Independent

Clinging to a 12-point lead entering the fourth quarter, Charleroi held off a furious comeback Friday night, handing Jeannette only its fifth home loss this decade, a 26-20 in the Interstate Conference.

With the win, Charleroi knocks Jeannette out of first place and into a tie for second along with the Cougars and McGuffey at 4-1, just one game behind conference leader Mt. Pleasant.

"This win is great for our program and our kids," Charleroi coach Luke Mollis said. "It helped us get over the hump, but we told them after the game not to get caught up because we have several big games still remaining."

Leading by six with 1:50 to play in regulation, Charleroi lined up for a 20-yard field goal attempt to ice the game, but Jeannette senior Toddy Harris timed his sprint and jumped over the offensive line perfectly to block the attempt.

Jeannette took over on its 20-yard line with 1:42 to play, and senior quarterback Tom Paulone completed three of his next four passes, as well as a 12-yard scramble of his own, to set up the Jayhawks with a first down at the Charleroi 23 with 34 seconds remaining.

After a pair of incompletions sandwiched around an 8-yard completion, Paulone connected with Chris Smith for a 4-yard pass on fourth-and-1, putting Jeannette 11 yards from a game-tying touchdown with six seconds to play.

Charleroi defensive back Simeon Bell intercepted Paulone's desperation attempt in the back of the end zone on the game's final play to preserve the victory.

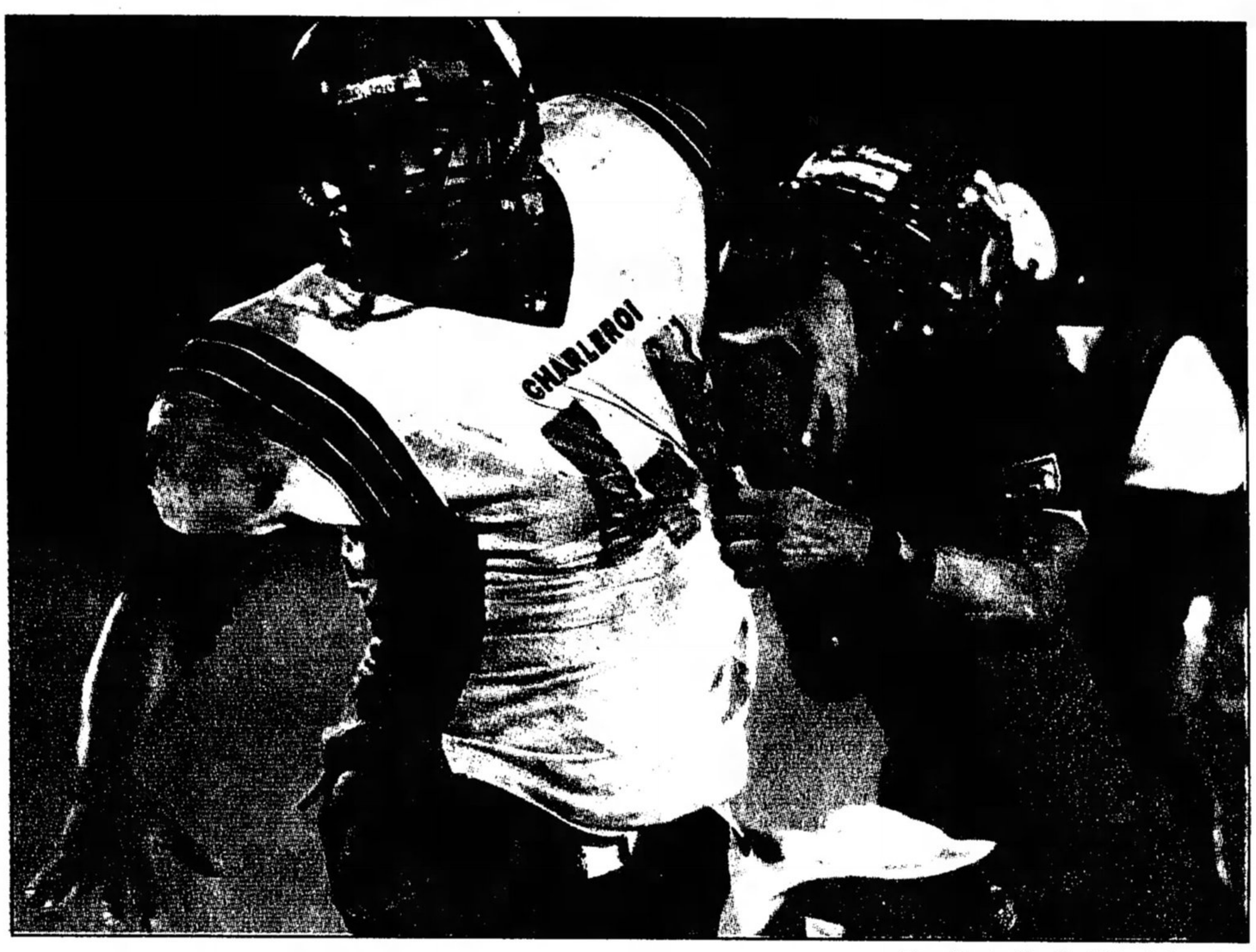
"We got our butts kicked in the trenches all night, but still let opportunities slide by us throughout the game," Jeannette coach Roy Hall said, suffering his first defeat as coach.

Charleroi, which totaled 404 yards of offense, built a 20-6 halftime lead largely behind the efforts of sophomore running back Quentin Briggs, who registered a game-high 175 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries.

Briggs opened the scoring on the game's first drive with a 7-yard scoring run. He provided the deciding points with a 34-yard run late in the third quarter.

Quarterback Tommy Thorpe was efficient, completing both of his passes to Kyle Shannon — the first for a 75-yard touchdown just prior to halftime, and the second a 42-yarder on third down, moving the ball to the Jeannette 8 on the Cougars' final possession. Thorpe also contributed an interception on defense.

Jeannette, which never led, twice cut the Charleroi lead to six in the second half, first on a nifty 47-yard punt return by Harris in the middle of the third quarter, and then on a 12-yard pass from Demetrius Cox to Chad Foster with 8:46 to play.



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Charleroi running back Quentin Briggs, left, breaks a tackle by Jeannette defender Toddy Harris to pick up a first down in the fourth quarter Friday night.

"We had some distractions this week as a team, and we preach to them that you win the game during the week, not on Friday" Hall said. "The true mark of a team is how you respond after a loss, and we will now have a chance to see what we are made of."

Jeannette hosts McGuffey next week in an important Interstate Conference matchup. The Cougars will look to extend their longest winning streak since 2004 when they face Waynesburg.

Chad Carroto/For The Valley Independent

Monessen's Nick Bolias, left, catches the game-winning touchdown pass Friday night.

Unlikely win for Hounds

Fumble allows Monessen to escape with 13-12 victory over Beth Center.

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MONESSEN — Talk about snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

That's what Monessen did in a thrilling 13-12 win over Beth-Center in a battle of Tri-County South titans at muddy Memorial Stadium Friday night.

The Greyhounds trailed, 12-7, with less than three minutes to play and had just one time out left with BC having a first down near midfield.

All the Bulldogs needed to do was sit on the ball and run the clock out to gain a huge road win.

And the visitors put the ball in the hands of their bruising fullback, Jake Sofran, who had rushed for over 100 yards as he gouged the Greyhounds' interior defense most of the night.

However, the football gods smiled on the hosts as Sofran coughed up the football when he was hit by Monessen's Josh Stepoli. The loose ball popped into the hands of the Greyhounds' Trae Cook, who returned it 18 yards to the BC 29 with 2:33 to play.

After Terrance Stepoli ran four yards up the middle to the 25, he completed his only pass of the game to Nick Bolias for a 25-yard touchdown and the improbable win.

"It's never over until it's over," said a relieved Monessen coach Andy Pacak. "The ball popped out, but the key is you keep working until you get those breaks. And a little luck helps.

"They say the best teams are also the ones with the most luck."

Even Bolias' TD reception wasn't a typical play as he broke off his route when he saw the cornerback covering him break inside.

"It was supposed to be a slant (pattern), but I saw the corner come up and I just broke it off and turned out and I was glad Terrance saw me," said the junior receiver.

"It was just the way (offensive coordinator) Jamie Reader drew it up," laughed Pacak.

Bolias then put the game on ice when he picked off a pass by BC quarterback Sal Faieta in the final minute.

"I saw the receiver turn in and I jumped the pattern and caught the ball," Bolias smiled. "I was just playing defense."

"Nick's a pretty heady kid and he made a great play there," Pacak said.

The win capped a night in which the Greyhounds were at times their own worst enemy, yet never gave up in the face of adversity.

They turned the ball over twice on fumbles in the third quarter and on other occasions when they were in

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EF pummels Rams, 30-14

Brandon Hill scores two late touchdowns to help Warriors pull away.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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ELIZABETH — Elizabeth Forward's Garry Cathell wasn't a happy football coach at halftime of Friday night's home game with Ringgold.

After watching his Warriors jump out to a 14-0 lead in the opening nine minutes, Cathell saw Ringgold turn two big plays into second quarter touchdowns to knot the score at 14 at intermission.

"I thought it was going to be like the last two weeks," said Cathell. "We held Trinity to six first downs and West Mifflin to none in the second half and lost both games."

This time, however, the Warriors (3-2, 1-2) took over in the second half.

Nick Kalpakis kicked a 41-yard field goal in the third quarter and Brandon Hill ran in from 12 and 11 yards in the final four minutes to give the Warriors a 30-14 Big 7 Conference victory.

"We should be 5-0, but we're not," said Cathell. "I'm just glad we got back on the winning track and hope October is a good month."

Meanwhile, Ringgold first-year coach Lloyd Price hopes the Rams (2-3, 0-2) can find a running game.

The Rams managed only 76 yards on the ground, with 63 coming on Derek Fiore's TD run to start Ringgold's scoring at 8:17 of the second quarter.

Ringgold's tying touchdown came two minutes later when sophomore Alfon Cook caught a Josh Burnisky pass tipped by Warrior defender Robert Oprosky and turned it into an 81-yard bomb.

"We have to be able to run the ball better and it takes 11 guys to do that," said Price. "They were just bigger and more physical and wore us down in the second half."

Greg Sotereanos scored Elizabeth's first two touchdowns from one yard out in the opening quarter, but was limited to 45 yards, 70 under his average.

With the score tied midway in the third quarter, Elizabeth's Tyler Herchelroath sacked Burnisky for an eight-yard loss on a fourth and five at the Warriors' 47.

Nine plays later, Kalpakis came through on his 41-yard field goal on a fourth and six.

The Warriors took a 10-point lead on a 14-play, 61-yard drive

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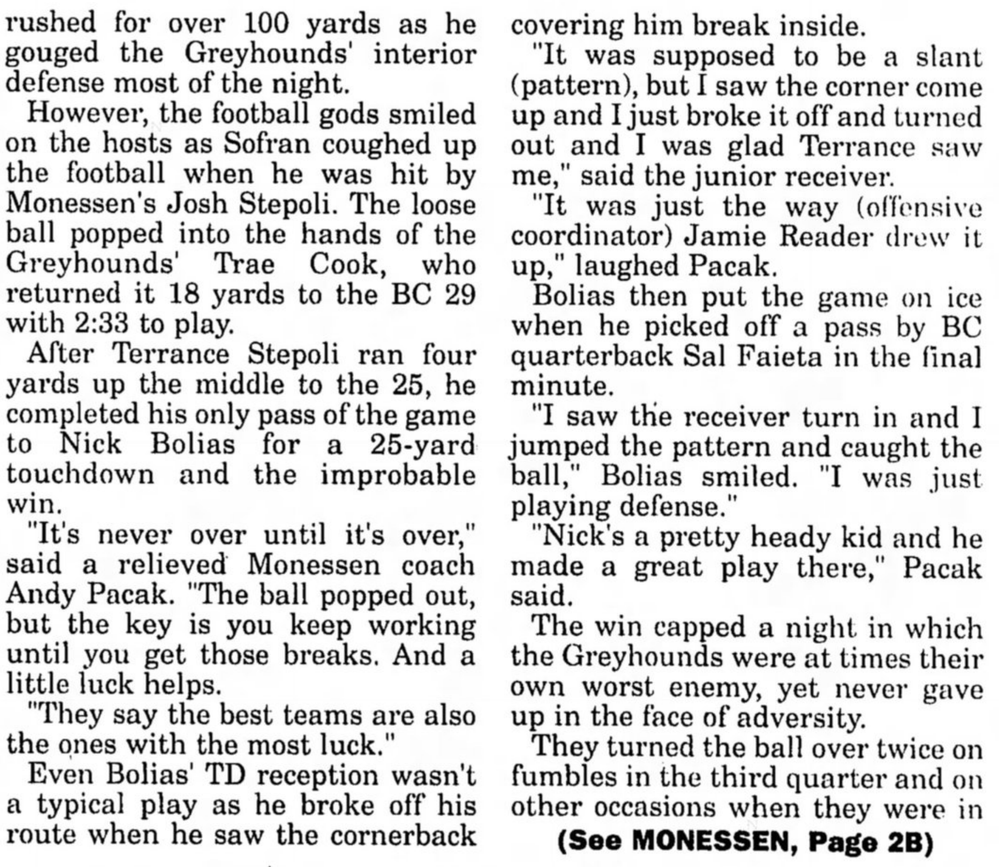

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Elizabeth Forward's Brandon Hill breaks free on a touchdown run late in the Warrior's 30-14 win over Ringgold.

SPORTS

BVA can blame loss on two plays

Punt return, interception costly in 14-13 defeat against West Mifflin.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP — Two plays.

That's what stopped Belle Vernon Area from pulling off a huge win Friday night against West Mifflin in a Big Seven conference tilt.

Instead, a punt return and an interception return did in the Leopards as they fell to the Titans, 14-13, at James Weir Stadium.

"We lost on two plays," BVA coach Aaron Krepps said. "We controlled them on defense and did what we wanted, except on those two plays."

The first of the two plays came with BVA leading 7-0.

After West Mifflin forced the Leps to punt on their second possession, BVA punter Joey Walko booted the ball to Tony Johnson.

Johnson proceeded to return the kick 44 yards around a Titan wall that was set up for a left return. He broke four tackles on his way to the end zone.

Alex Durrani's extra point tied the score at 7.

The second costly play came late in the second quarter.

The Leps (2-3, 0-2) took over at the Titans' 42 after Matt Naylor recovered a fumble and they began to move the ball in the rain.

Imir Sanders, however, picked off a Brandon Dilmore pass and returned it 51 yards to tie the score.

Durrani then kicked what proved to be the game winner.

"We got back to the basics defensively this week," said Krepps. "We worked on fundamentals and it worked defensively. It was ... two plays. We didn't deserve to lose this game."

The contest started in odd fashion.

On the opening kickoff, BVA squibbed a kickoff and recovered when the Titans could not cover the ball.

It gave the Leps tremendous field position at the West Mifflin 30.

Six plays later, BVA made West Mifflin pay for its first fumble when Dilmore hit Mike Thayer with a 10-yard scoring pass. Walko hit the extra point to give the Leps an early 7-0 lead with 7:45 left in the opening frame.

Two BVA possessions after the Johnson punt return, the Leps took over at the West Mifflin 42.

It appeared Dilmore threw his second touchdown pass of the half when he hit Cody Williams with what looked to be a 29-yard toss, but Williams was ruled out of bounds by illegal contact.

The Titans were called for pass interference, and the penalty gave the Leps the ball on the Titans' 14. On the next play, Matt Green went off tackle to the right and raced in.

But much like the Leps had issues with the punt return and interception return, Walko's extra point attempt hit the right upright and bounced out.

On West Mifflin's ensuing drive, the Titans recorded their first three first downs while driving to the BVA 21, but Imir Sanders' handoff to Kevin Clarke was fumbled and Naylor recovered for BVA with 5:16 left in the half.

Five plays later, Johnson came up with his big interception.

The Leopards had the best chance to score in the second half. They ate up 7:50 off the clock as they started deep in their own territory and reached the Titans'16.

Walko, however, hooked a 37-yard field goal.

LEFTOVERS: BVA is at Trinity Friday ... West Mifflin did not record its initial first down until the 7:31 mark of the second quarter ... BVA held the clock advantage in the first half, 15:40 to 8:20 and had 83 yards on 25 first half plays, compared to West Mifflin's 49 yards on only 12 plays ... Cory Williams, BVA's starting tailback, was limited to defense due to an injury ... Green led all rushers with 109 yards on 25 carries ... Christian Glover recorded a sack for BVA ... The Leopards' pass defense was so tight that West Mifflin did not complete a pass and most of quarterback Imir Sanders' 71 rushing yards came on scrambles due to pass coverage.

Cal wins in stadium debut

Trojans blow out Mapletown, 41-6.

By TOM BUCKLEY
For The Valley Independent

The California Trojans opened their new stadium in grand style Friday night.

In a Tri-County South game, the Trojans ran all over Mapletown, 41-6.

A pre-game ceremony saw California Area School District Superintendent Linda Mancini make the ceremonial ribbon cutting to officially open the new stadium. The ceremonies would be just the beginning of an exciting evening for the Trojans.

The action started when the Maples pinned the Trojans down on their own 5-yard line after failing to convert on their first drive.

The Maples were able to convert their first of five fumbles on the evening by stripping quarterback D.J. Martinak of the football on the Trojans 15-yard line.

Quarterback Cory Minnick, Minnick ran in the Maples' only score of the game from the one-yard line, giving them a 6-0 lead only four minutes into the contest. From that point, the contest was solely in the hands of quarterback D.J. Martinak and the Trojans.

California's ensuing drive started at midfield after the Maples attempted to trick the Trojans with an on-side kick.

The combination of Martinak and running back Dylan Hunter quickly led the Trojans down the field with Martinak scoring on a two-yard run. The Trojans' first attempt to take the lead was cut short due to a bad snap on the extra point.

The Maples drove inside the Trojans' 10 on their next possession, but failed to score. The Maples received a pass interference call in their favor on fourth down, but later had a pass intercepted by defensive back Brad Tonini.

Martinak put the Trojans in front, 12-6, in the second quarter with an 84-yard touchdown run. He followed that with a 65-yard scoring run on the next possession, then hit tight end Wade Stinnett for the two-point conversion.

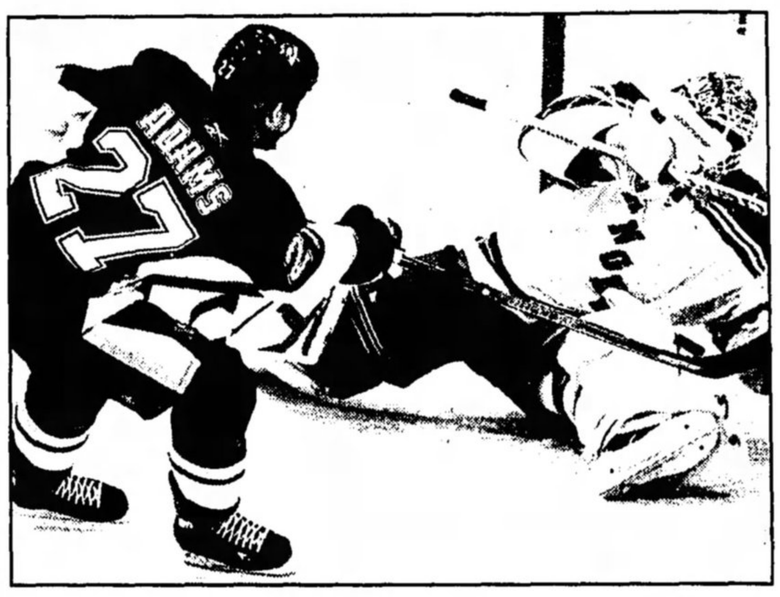
"I tried to turn the corner," Martinak said of his long runs. "If I could do so, good things would happen."

A 22-yard run by Dylan Hunter and a 20-yard pass from Martinak to Stinnett, put the Trojans ahead 34-6 at halftime.

The Trojans lost three fumbles in the second half and scored their only points on a 15-yard touchdown run by Cody Lambert.

"It feels great," said California Brady Barbero. Just like his quarterback, Barbero, too, had hoped his offense could work the football to the outside of the field.

Barbero hopes the Trojans can "carry the momentum" next week as they travel to face Carmichaels.



Associated Press

Craig Adams has a third period shot stopped by New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist Friday night.

'Flat' Yough falls to Colonials

Albert Gallatin picks up important conference victory.

By KEITH BARNES
For The Valley Independent

After picking up his first victory last week, Yough coach Jim Ward was hoping to build off it during a road swing to Albert Gallatin.

Instead it was the Colonials that introduced themselves as a Keystone Conference playoff contender with a 28-2 victory.

Albert Gallatin (2-3, 1-2) forced five first-half turnovers that stymied Yough (1-4, 1-2) at every turn as the Colonials rolled to a 28-2 victory.

"The kids have been working really hard," said Albert Gallatin coach Bill Elias.

whose team scored all its points in the first half. "They're just starting to put it together."

Albert Gallatin scored 21 first-quarter points - thanks to a huge return of the opening kickoff by Patrick Kopas and a pair of Yough turnovers. The Colonials ran their first 15 offensive plays in Cougars territory, and their average starting field position was the Yough 27.

"You turn the ball over five times in the first half," Ward said, "and their longest drive is 35 yards, you're not going to beat anybody."

Albert Gallatin quarterback Cody Peebles wasn't flashy, but he was effective, completing 7 of 13 passes for 78 yards while scoring twice on first-half quarterback sneaks.

Colonials running back Grayling Sanders also scored on a pair of first-half runs as part of his 110-yard evening and twice intercepted Yough quarterback Brandon Gelet to set up touchdown drives.

Things started badly for Yough as Kopas brought the opening kickoff back 55 yards to the Cougars' 35. Albert Gallatin quickly established its ground game.

Six consecutive running plays culminated with Peebles pushing through the middle for a 1-yard touchdown that gave the Colonials a 7-0 lead just 2:28 into the game.

Yough stayed on offense for only three plays as Gelet was picked off by Sanders on a third-and-5. Sanders returned the interception 44 yards and set Albert Gallatin up with a first down at the Cougars' 25. Three plays later, Sanders capped the drive with a 6-yard run.

Albert Gallatin then capitalized on a Sean Spoonhoward fumble with a 6-play drive that Sanders again finished, this time with a 4-yard run.

"Albert Gallatin's not a bad football team, and when you set the table up for them like that, there's not much you can do," Ward said. "We were flat. It was an emotional last-second win last week. I was hoping we wouldn't have a hangover from that."

Even the one minor mistake Albert Gallatin made, a missed 41-yard field goal by kicker by junior Shaun Smearcheck, turned to its advantage as Sander intercepted Gelet on the first play and returned the ball to the Yough 1.

Peebles then scored his second touchdown and the Colonials held a 28-point lead at the half.

"We needed this win really bad," Elias said. "I'm really so happy for them because they deserve it."

Pens open with win over Rangers

Malkin, Crosby get the first two goals in 3-2 victory.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — There were no champagne showers for the Pittsburgh Penguins, no postgame celebration. They had to be satisfied with taking away two points from a division opponent on an emotional and potentially distraction-filled night, and that was plenty good enough.

Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby watched the Penguins raise their Stanley Cup banner, then got the NHL champions off to a familiar start by scoring their first two goals during a 3-2 victory over the rival New York Rangers on Friday night.

Crosby and Tyler Kennedy scored 1:08 apart in the second period to give the Penguins a 3-1 lead and allow them to withstand Marian Gaborik's first goal for the Rangers, the only scoring during the third period. Pittsburgh has won all four games against the Rangers at home the last two seasons and is 14-0-2 in its last 16 there against them.

At least the Rangers won't have to see 48-year-old Mellon Arena again for another opener, as the NHL's oldest arena will be replaced by Consol Energy Center next season.

Rangers coach John Tortorella wanted his team to watch the Penguins' pregame ceremony, if only to show them the rewards a championship season can bring, but logistical problems prevented that. Once the banner was raised and the Stanley Cup was taken off the ice, the Penguins offered numerous reminders of why they beat Detroit in Game 7 in June.

"I thought we did a good job of focusing," Crosby said. "You're sitting around a little bit, but I thought it worked to our advantage. We were skating pretty well and got off to a great start."

During the ceremony, Crosby found himself thinking back to his rookie season in 2005-06, when Pittsburgh was one of the NHL's worst teams.

"A lot went through my mind in the 2 minutes it took to get up there but, once it was up there, it was time to move on," he said.

Malkin, the league's leading scorer last season, and Crosby, No. 3 in scoring, each got their first goals of the season and Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves — including a goal-saving, glove-hand stop on Vinny Prospal late in the first period. The Rangers would have led 2-1 if Prospal had scored and might have seized some of the momentum created by the Penguins' pregame party.

"We make mistakes sometimes and that's what your goalie's there to do, to bail you out, and that was a great one," Crosby said.

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the midst of a drive, costly mistakes would end the threat.

"It seemed like we kept shooting ourselves in the foot every time we got something going," Pacak said.

But it was a huge goal-line stand that Pacak said gave the Greyhounds (3-2, 3-0) hope. BC (3-2, 2-1) was ahead 12-7 and had a first-and-goal at the Monessen two as the third quarter was coming to a close.

However, three runs netted a loss of three yards and on fourth down, Faieta's pass was incomplete.

"That goal line stand was so huge," Pacak said. "If they score there, we are in real trouble. When we held them down there, I had a feeling something good would happen for us. And fortunately something good did happen."

The Bulldogs took a 6-0 lead on their opening drive, going 80 yards in nine plays with De Shan Brown covering the final eight yards for six points with 8:24 left in the first quarter.

However, the lead was short-lived as Monessen's Brett Crenshaw took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown. Coby Matush's conversion kick put the Greyhounds up 7-6.

The score remained that way until the third quarter when BC drove 91 yards in seven plays with the final 66 yards coming on back-to-back passes from Faieta to Chuck Bowser.

The first covered 36 yards to the Monessen 30 and the next one was good for a 12-7 lead.

"Their quarterback gave us a lot of problems tonight, but we kept on fighting and I can't ask for anything more from my kids," said Pacak.

Of course, a little luck also helps.

NOTES: BC held a decided edge in first downs (18-10) and total yards (375-184) ... Stepoli was 0-for-10 passing before hitting Bolias with the game-winning TD ... Stepoli had a huge 49-yard punt in the fourth quarter from a shotgun formation ... Crenshaw led Monessen in rushing with 56 yards on 10 carries while Cook ended with 50 on 10 tries ... Monessen travels to Connellsville next Saturday afternoon to play Geibel.

SPORTS DIGEST

Frazier falls to Chartiers-Houston

Chartiers-Houston still has Frazier's number in football.

The Bucs beat the visiting Commodores for the third straight time, 17-0, Friday in the Black Hills Conference. All the scoring took place in the first half with Joey Joscsak and Mykel Dorsey sandwiching 4 and 69-yard touchdown runs around Zach Hamilton's 36 yard field goal.

The Bucs limited Frazier's star running back Chase Kirmeyer to 40 yards on 12 carries. Frazier (2-3, 1-2) hosts Burgettstown Friday.

Twins trim Tigers' lead

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins have wanted out of the Metrodome for years. They're playing as if they want to stay a little longer. Jeff Manship's first major league win was well-timed for the Twins, who got a grand slam from Delmon Young and hung on for a 10-7 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Friday night that cut Detroit's AL Central lead to one game.

Trivia answer

Linebacker Scott McClintock in 2000.

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that ended when Hill bounced off a bunch of Ringgold defenders on a fourth and inches play from 12 yards out with 3:17 remaining.

"Our long drive was the turning point because we ate up seven minutes of the clock," said Cathell.

Hill's second TD came with 40 seconds left on a third and goal after Sotereanos sacked quarterback Dylan Patch for a 10-yard loss on fourth down at the Rams' 13.

"We weren't trying to pour it on." said Cathell. "We had to run a play at the end."

LEFTOVERS: Hill, who went into the game with 33 rushing yards, finished with a game-high 72 on 14 carries ... Burnisky was 10 of 21 for 138 yards with Andrew Tirpak catching four passes for 35 yards ... The Rams outgained the Warriors, 214-200 ... Ringgold hosts Chartiers Valley and Elizabeth visits Trinity Friday.

SPORTS

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Philadelphia	92	68	.575	—
Atlanta	86	73	.541	5 1/2
Florida	86	74	.538	6
New York	68	92	.425	24
Washington	56	103	.352	35 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	91	68	.572	—
Chicago	82	77	.516	9
Milwaukee	77	82	.484	14
Cincinnati	76	84	.475	15 1/2
Houston	74	86	.463	17 1/2
Pittsburgh	62	97	.390	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	93	66	.585	—
x-Colorado	91	68	.572	2
San Francisco	86	73	.541	7
San Diego	74	85	.465	19
Arizona	69	91	.431	24 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division

Friday's Games

Arizona 12, Chicago Cubs 3
Florida 7, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Houston 1
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 1
Washington at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Today's Games

Arizona (D.Cabrera 0-5) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 11-10), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Bazardo 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Misch 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Villanueva 3-10) at St. Louis (Lohse 6-9), 1:10 p.m.
Florida (A.Sanchez 3-8) at Philadelphia (Hamels 10-10), 4:10 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 1-6) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 14-10), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Duke 11-15) at Cincinnati (Cueto 10-11), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 14-7) at San Diego (LeBlanc 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 16-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 8-8), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	102	58	.638	—
z-Boston	93	67	.581	9
Tampa Bay	83	77	.519	19
Toronto	75	85	.469	27
Baltimore	62	98	.388	40

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	85	75	.531	—
Minnesota	84	76	.525	1
Chicago	78	82	.488	7
Cleveland	65	95	.406	20
Kansas City	65	95	.406	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Los Angeles	95	65	.594	—
Texas	87	73	.544	8
Seattle	83	77	.519	12
Oakland	75	85	.469	20

y-clinched division
z-clinched wild card

Friday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 0
Baltimore 13, Toronto 7
Boston 6, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 13, N.Y. Yankees 4
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 7
L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 2
Texas 7, Seattle 4

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Kazmir 9-9) at Oakland (Eveland 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Greinke 16-8) at Minnesota (Blackburn 11-11), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garcia 2-4) at Detroit (Figaro 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 8-10) at Baltimore (Hendrickson 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-7) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-6), 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland (Laffey 7-8) at Boston (Beckett 16-6), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Tom.Hunter 9-5) at Seattle (Rowland-Smith 4-4), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 1:38 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

Pirates boxscore

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi
AMcCt cf	3	1	1	0	Stubbs cf	4	0	1	0
AnLRc 3b	3	0	2	2	Janish ss	4	0	1	0
GJones 1b	4	0	0	0	Votto 1b	4	0	1	0
Doumit c	4	0	0	0	BPhilps 2b	4	0	0	0
Milledg lf	4	1	2	1	Rolen 3b	3	0	0	0
Moss rf	3	0	0	0	Bruce rf	3	0	1	0
DIwYn 2b	3	0	0	0	Balentn lf	4	1	1	1
RVazqz ss	3	0	0	0	Tatum c	2	0	0	0
DMcCt p	1	1	0	0	L.Nix ph	0	0	0	0
JChavz p	0	0	0	0	Burton p	0	0	0	0
R.Diaz ph	1	0	0	0	Masset p	0	0	0	0
Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0	Barker ph	1	0	0	0
Capps p	0	0	0	0	Lehr p	2	0	0	0
					Viola p	0	0	0	0
					JFrncs ph	1	0	0	0
					CMiller c	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	5	3	Totals	32	1	5	1

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Cincinnati	000	000	100	— 1

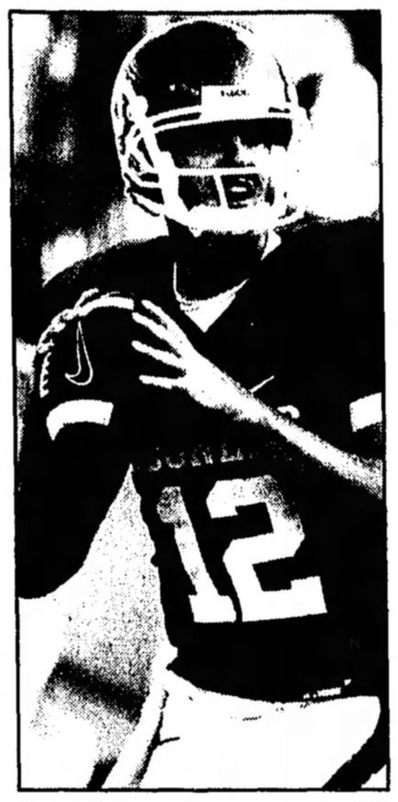
DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 7. 2B—A.McCutchen (26), Stubbs (5), Janish (21), Bruce (15). HR—Milledge (4), Balentien (3). SB—A.McCutchen (19), Milledge (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
McCutchen W,1-2	6 1-3	4	1	1	2	5
J.Chavez H,15	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Hanrahan H,9	1	0	0	0	0	1
Capps S,27-32	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Lehr L,5-3	6	4	3	3	3	6
Viola	1	0	0	0	0	2
Burton	1	1	0	0	0	1
Masset	1	0	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Marvin Hudson; Second, D.J. Reyburn; Third, Randy Marsh.
T—2:36. A—16,288 (42,319).

WNBA Finals

Series tied 1-1
Sunday
Phoenix at Indiana, 4 p.m.



Landry Jones and Oklahoma will face Miami at 8 p.m. on WTAE.

Weekend sports dial

Today
Television

Noon - ESPN - Wisconsin at Minnesota, college football.
Noon - ESPN2 - Arkansas State at Iowa, college football.
Noon - Versus - Penn at Dartmouth, college football.
1 p.m. - WGN - Arizona at Chicago Cubs, baseball.
1:30 p.m. - WPXI - Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship, golf.
3:30 p.m. - KDKA - LSU at Georgia, college football.
3:30 p.m. - WPXI - Washington at Notre Dame, college football.
3:30 p.m. - WTAE and ESPN - Penn State at Illinois, Florida State at Boston College or UCLA at Stanford, college football.
3:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - New Mexico at Texas Tech, college football.
3:30 p.m. - Versus - William & Mary at Villanova, college football.
4 p.m. - WPGH - Florida at Philadelphia, baseball.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Turning Stone Resort Championship, golf.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Soboba Classic, golf, tape.
6:30 p.m. - ESPN - Price Chopper 400, auto racing, tape.
7 p.m. - Versus - Oregon State at Arizona State, college football.
7:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Arkansas vs Texas A&M, college football.
7:45 p.m. - ESPN - Auburn at Tennessee, college football.
8 p.m. - WTAE - Oklahoma at Miami, college football.
8:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Navistar Classic, women's golf, tape.

Sunday
Television

1 p.m. - KDKA - Baltimore at New England, pro football
1 p.m. - WPGH - Seattle at Indianapolis, pro football.
1 p.m. - WGN - Chicago White Sox at Detroit, baseball.
2 p.m. - WTAE - Price Chopper 400, auto racing.
4 p.m. - WTBS - Colorado at Los Angeles Dodgers, baseball.
4 p.m. - ESPN2 - Phoenix at Indiana, women's pro basketball.
4 p.m. - WPXI - Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship, golf.
4 p.m. - Golf Channel - Turning Stone Resort Championship, golf.
4:15 p.m. - WPGH - Dallas at Denver, pro football.
8:15 p.m. - WPXI - San Diego at Pittsburgh, pro football.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Peters Township	6	0	0	8	1	1
Upper St. Clair	5	1	0	8	1	1
Canon-McMillan	4	2	0	8	3	0
Ringgold	2	4	0	7	4	0
Moon	1	5	0	2	7	1
Trinity	0	6	0	2	10	0

Today
Canon-McMillan at Seton-LaSalle
Erie McDowell at Upper St. Clair
Mt. Lebanon at Peters Township
Blackhawk at Moon

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
S'moreland	7	1	0	7	3	0
South Park	6	1	0	7	2	0
Belle Vernon Area	6	2	1	9	3	1
Thomas Jefferson	4	3	1	5	5	1
Elizabeth Forward	4	4	0	6	6	0
Steel Valley	2	5	0	3	6	0
Uniontown	1	5	0	1	8	0
Yough	0	9	0	0	9	0

Today
S'moreland at Uniontown
Thomas Jefferson at Elizabeth, 7:30 p.m.

Class A
Section 1.

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Grb. Central	9	0	0	9	1	0
Geibel	6	3	0	8	3	0
Trinity Christian	6	3	0	7	3	0
Serra	5	3	0	8	3	0
Winchester Thurs.	3	4	1	3	5	1
California	4	5	1	5	7	1
South Allegheny	1	6	0	1	8	0
Brownsville	0	9	0	0	12	0

Friday
California 2, Beth-Center 0
Today
Geibel at Connellsville

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	7	0	1	9	1	1
Bentworth	6	1	1	6	5	1
Charleroi	5	2	0	8	3	0
C-Houston	4	4	0	4	8	1
Monessen	2	5	1	4	6	1
Brentwood	1	6	1	2	7	1
Beth-Center	0	7	0	3	7	0

Today
Freedom at Carlynton

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Canon-McMillan	6	1	0	9	3	0
Upper St. Clair	6	1	0	6	3	0
Mt. Lebanon	5	1	0	7	3	0
Elizabeth Forward	2	4	0	3	7	0
Trinity	2	5	0	4	6	0
Ringgold	2	5	0	4	7	0
West Mifflin	0	6	0	2	8	0

Today
Ringgold at Mt. Lebanon, 7:45 p.m.
Elizabeth at Canpon-McMillan, 1 p.m.
Trinity at West Mifflin
Erie McDowell at Upper St. Clair

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Belle Vernon Area	7	0	1	9	2	1
S'moreland	7	0	1	7	1	1
Connellsville	5	3	0	6	6	0
Yough	4	4	0	6	5	0
Waynesburg	4	4	0	5	6	0
Laurel Highlands	3	5	0	4	7	0
Uniontown	1	7	0	2	8	0
Albert Gallatin	0	8	0	0	10	0

Today
S'moreland at BV Area, 7:30 p.m.
Yough at Waynesburg, 11 a.m.
Laurel Highlands at C'ville
Uniontown at Albert Gallatin

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	8	0	0	10	1	0
South Fayette	5	1	0	6	3	1
McGuffey	5	2	0	6	4	0
Bentworth	3	5	0	6	6	0
Charleroi	3	4	0	6	6	0
C-Houston	1	6	0	1	10	0
Beth-Center	0	7	0	2	8	0

Today
McGuffey at Charleroi, 1 p.m.

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Geibel	5	1	0	7	3	0
Mt. Pleasant	6	1	0	7	3	0
Grb. Central	5	2	0	9	3	1
Jeannette	3	3	1	4	5	2
Monessen	2	4	1	4	5	1
St. Joseph	1	5	0	2	7	0
East Allegheny	0	6	0	1	7	0

Today
Geibel at Grb. Central
Jeannette at St. Joseph

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	1	1	0	0	2	2	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	1	0	0	2	3

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Toronto	1	0	0	1	1	3	4
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston	1	0	1	0	0	1	4

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Washington	1	1	0	0	2	4	1
Atlanta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina	1	0	1	0	0	0	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Chicago	1	0	0	1	1	3	4
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	1	0	0	0	3	4

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	1	1	0	0	2	5	3
Colorado	1	1	0	0	2	5	2
Edmonton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	1	0	1	0	0	3	5

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	1	0	1	0	0	2	5

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games

Florida 4, Chicago 3, SO
St. Louis 4, Detroit 3
Philadelphia 2, Carolina 0
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 2

Today's Games

Chicago vs Florida at Helsinki, noon
St. Louis vs. Detroit at Stockholm, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Penguins summary

N.Y. Rangers	1	0	1	— 2
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	— 3

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 1 (Gonchar, Goligoski), 7:48 (pp). 2, N.Y. Rangers, Drury 1 (Higgins), 16:01.
Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Crosby 1 (Letang, Guerin), 12:25. 4, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 1 (Goligoski, J.Staal), 13:33.
Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 1 (Dubinsky, M.Staal), 5:56.
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 7-12-8_27. Pittsburgh 9-12-10_31.
Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. Pittsburgh, Fleury. A—17,132 (16,940). T—2:20.

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	L	Overall W	L
Edinboro	2	0	4	1
California	2	0	3	2
Mercyhurst	2	0	3	2
Slippery Rock	1	1	4	1
Clarion	1	1	2	3
Indiana	0	2	3	2
Gannon	0	2	2	3
Lock Haven	0	2	0	4

Today
1 p.m. - California at Indiana
2 p.m. - Gannon at Clarion; Mercyhurst at Slippery Rock; Lock Haven at Edinboro.

Football summaries

West Mifflin 14, Belle Vernon Area 13

West Mifflin	7	7	0	0	- 14
BV Area	7	6	0	0	- 13

BV Area - Thayer (10 , pass from Dilmore) Walko (kick)
West Mifflin - Johnson (44, punt return) Durrani (kick)
BV Area - Green (14 run)
West Mifflin - Sanders (51, interception) Durrani (kick)

Teams statistics

	BV	WM
First downs	11	8
Yds rushing	134	158
Yds passing	70	0
Passes	6-11-2	0-0-0
Fumbles, lost	0-0	6-3
Punts	3-35	5-29
Penalties, yds	8-76	5-46

Monessen 13, Beth-Center 12

Beth-Center	6	0	6	0	- 12
Monessen	7	0	0	6	- 13

Beth-Center - Brown (8 run)
Monessen - Crenshaw (85 kickoff return) Matush (kick)
Beth-Center - Bowser (30 pass from Faeita
Monessen - Bolias (25 pass from Stepoli)

Team statistics

	Mon	BC
First downs	10	18
Rushing yds	149	187
Passing yds	35	188
Passing	2-11	11-23
Intercepted	1	0
Fumbles, lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties, yds	5-39	3-20
Punts, ave	3-41	2-30

Individual statistics
Rushing

Monessen - Crenshaw, 9 for 56 yds; Cook, 10 for 50 yds; Miller, 8 for 38 yds; Madison, 1 for 4 yds; Stepoli, 8 for 1 yd.
Beth-Center - Sofran, 21 for 109 yds; Veatch, 8 for 39 yds; Brown, 9 for 31 yds, 1 td; Faleta, 5 for 7 yds; Kinder, 2 for 1 yd.

Passing

Monessen - Stepoli, 1 of 10, 25 yds, 1 td; Francia, 1 of 1, 10 yds.
Beth-Center - Faieta, 11 of 23, 188 yds, 1 td, 1 int.

Receiving

Monessen - Bolias, 1 for 25 yds, 1 td; Stepoli, 1 for 10 yds.
Beth-Center - Bowser, 4 for 133 yds, td; Brown, 2 for 20 yds; Sofran, 3 for 13 yds; Price, 1 for 12 yds; Veatch, 1 for 10 yds.

Elizabeth Forward 30, Ringgold 14

Ringgold	0	14	0	0	- 14
Elizabeth	14	0	3	13	- 30

Elizabeth - Sotereanos (1, run) Kalpakis (kick)
Elizabeth - Sotereanos (1, run) Kalpakis (kick)
Ringgold - Fiore (63. run) Fransko (kick)
Ringgold - Cook(81, pass from Burnisky) Fransko (kick)
Elizabeth - FG, Kalpakis (41)
Elizabeth - Hill (12, run) Kalpakis (kick)
Elizabeth - Hill (11, run)

Team statistics

	Ring	EF
First downs	6	10
Yds rushing	76	124
Yds passing	138	46
Passes	10-21-1	5-12-0
Fumbles, lost	4-2	2-0
Penalties, yds	2-15	50-15
Punts, ave.	5-36	7-37

Individual statistics
Rushing

Ringgold - Fiore, 8 for78 yds; Affinito, 4 for 16 yds; Burnisky, 4 for minus 7 yds; Path, 6 for miknus 11 yds.
Elizabeth - Hill, 14 foir 72 yds; Sotereanos, 20 for 45 yds; Johnson, 4 for 6 yds; Pomilio, 4 for 5 yds; Sevcik, 8 for minus 4 yds.

Passing

Ringgold - Burnisky, 10 of 21 for 138 yds, 1 int.
Elizabeth - Sevcik, 5 of 11 for 50 yds; Pomilio, 1 Of 1 for 26 yds.

Pass receiving

Ringgold - Tirpak, 4 for 35 yds; Patch, 2 for 14 yds; Law, 2 for 1 yd; Cook, 1 for 81 yds; Affinito, 1 for 7yds.
Elizabeth - F ine, 3 for 34 yds; Pomilio, 2 for 29 yds; Hill, 1 for 13 yds.

California 41, Mapletown 6

Mapletown	6	0	0	0	- 6
California	6	28	7	0	- 41

Mapletown – Minnick (run,1) (XP missed)
California – Martinek (run,2) (XP missed)
California – Martinek (run,84)
California – Martinek (run,65) (Martinek pass to Stinnett)
California – Hunter (run,22) (Wohar kick)
California – Stinnett, 2 (Martinet pass) (Wohar Kick)

Team statistics

	Map	Cal
First downs	10	12
Yds rushing	63	424
Yds passing	155	28
Passes	15-39-0	3-3-1
Fumbles, lost	1-1	5-5
Penalties, yds	4-30	6-30

Individual statistics
Rushing

Mapletown – Minnick, 14 for 64 yds, 1 td; Cumpston, 1 for -4 yds; Porterfield, 2 for -12 yds; Rumble, 1 for 9 yds Fescko 1 for 6 yds;
California - Martinak, 10 for 176 yds, 3 td's; Tonini, 3 for 17 yds; Evans, 4 for 74 yds.; Lambert, 2 for 49 yds; Hunter, 10 for 49 yds; Dickenson, 5 for 24 yds; Michaux 0 for 0 yd; Michaux 1 for 2 yds; Short 1 for -7 yds.

Passing

Mapletown - Minnick - 15 of 39, 155 yds, 0 td, 2 int, Marcus Compstow – 1 of 5, 16 yds 1 int.
California - Martinak, 2 for 2, 25 yds., 1 td, 0 int, Conway 1 for 1, 3 yds.

Pass receiving

Mapletown - Porterfield, 5 for 93 yds; Cumpston, 4 for 19 yds; Rumble, 1 for 0 yds; Clites, 4 for 24 yds; Cox, 2 for 29 yds.
California – Tonini, 1 for 5 yds.; Stinnett, 1 for 20 yds, 1 td; Conway, 1 for 3 yds.

Charleroi 26, Jeannette 20

Charleroi	7	13	0	6	- 26
Jeannette	6	0	8	6	- 20

Jeannette - Harris (48, punt return) Harris (pass from Paulone)
Charleroi - Shannon (76, pass from Thorpe)
Charleroi - Altemare (2, run) Black (kick)
Jeannette - Edmunds (19, run)
Charleroi - Briggs (7, run) Black (kick)
Charleroi - Briggs (34, run)
Jeannette - Foster (13, pass from Cox)

Chartiers-Houston 17, Frazier 0

Frazier	0	0	0	0	- 0
C-Houston	7	10	0	0	- 17

C-Houston - FG, Hamilton (36)
C-Houstoin - Joscsak (4, run) Hamilton (kick)
C-Houston - Dorsey (69, run) Hamilton (kick)..

Albert Gallatin 28, Yough 2

Yough	0	0	2	0	- 2
Al Gallatin	21	7	0	0	- 28

Albert Gallatin - Peebles (1, run) Smearcheck (kick)
Albert Gallatin - Sanders (6,run) Smearchek (kick)
Albert Gallatin - Sanders (4, run) Smearcheck (kick)
Albert Gallatin - Peebles (1, run) Smearcheck (kick)
Yough - Safety.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Chartiers Valley	3	0	4	0
Thomas Jefferson	2	0	5	0
West Mifflin	2	1	4	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	2	3	2
Trintty	1	2	1	4
Ringgold	0	2	2	3
Belle Vernon Area	0	2	2	3

Friday
Elizabeth 30, Ringgold 14
Chartiers Valley 30, Trinity12
West Mifflin 14, Belle Vernon Area 13
Thomas Jefferson 55, Laurel Highlands 0

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Greensburg Salem	2	0	4	1
Laurel Highlands	2	0	2	3
Uniontown	2	1	3	2
Albert Gallatin	1	2	2	3
Yough	1	2	1	4
Derry	1	2	1	4
Southmoreland	0	2	0	5

Friday
Derry 55, S'moreland 0
Greensburg Salem 18, Uniontown 0
Albert Gallatin 28, Yough 2

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Mt. Pleasant	5	0	5	0
Charleroi	4	1	4	1
McGuffey	4	1	4	1
Jeannette	4	1	4	1
Washington	3	2	3	2
Greensburg Central	3	2	3	2
Waynesburg	1	4	1	4
Brownsville	1	4	1	4
South Allegheny	0	5	0	5
East Allegheny	0	5	0	5

Friday
Charleroi 26, Jeannette 20
Mt. Pleasant 50, East Allegheny 7
Grb. Central 40, Waynesburg 0
MGuffey 40, South Allegheny 0
Washington 31, Brownsville 14

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Beth-Center	2	1	3	2
Monessen	3	0	4	2
California	3	0	4	1
Jefferson-Morgan	2	1	4	1
Carmichaels	1	2	1	4
Geibel	1	2	2	3
West Greene	0	3	0	5
Mapletown	0	3	0	5

Friday
Monessen 13, Beth-Cener 12
Geibel 29, West Greene 7
Jeff-Morgan 20, Carmichaels 15
Califonia 41, Mapletown 6

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Clairton	3	0	4	1
Fort Cherry	2	1	4	1
Chartiers-Houston	2	1	4	1
Serra	2	1	4	1
Burgettstown	1	1	2	2
Frazier	1	2	2	3
Bentworth	0	2	1	3
Avella	0	3	1	4

Friday
Clairton 45, Fort Cherry 6
C-Houston 17, Frazier 0
Serra 40, Avella 0
Today
Bentworth at Burgettsown (1:30 p.m.)

Football scores

Albert Gallatin 28, Yough 2
Aliquippa 33, Mohawk 18
Baldwin 20, Peters Township 17
Beaver 14, Ellwood City 6
Beaver Falls 35, Moon 0
Bethel Park 27, Mt. Lebanon 14
Brentwood 26, Wilkinsburg 8
California 41, Mapletown 6
Center 21, Freedom 0
Charleroi 26, Jeannette 20
Chartiers Valley 30, Trinity 12
Chartiers-Houston 17, Frazier 0
Clairton 45, Fort Cherry 6
Deer Lakes 40, West Shamokin 0
Derry 55, Southmoreland 0
Elizabeth Forward 30, Ringgold 14
Ellwood City 43, New Brighton 0
Franklin Regional 27, Knoch 3
Freeport 6, Ford City 0
Gateway 55, Norwin 7
Geibel 29, West Greene 7
Grb Central 40, Waynesburg 0
Greensburg Salem 18, Uniontown 0
Hampton 35, Indiana 20
Hopewell 20, Blackhawk 7
Jefferson-Morgan 20, Carmichaels 15
Keystone Oaks 41, Cornell 13
Kiski Area 18, Fox Chapel 7
Kittanning 25, Apollo-Ridge 6
Mars 43, Highlands 0
McGuffey 40, South Allegheny 0
McKeesport 47, Latrobe 6
Monaca 44, Union 6
Monessen 13, Beth-Center 12
Mt. Pleasant 50, East Allegheny 7
North Allegheny 37, Seneca Valley 0
North Hills 14, Pine-Richland 3
Oliver 12, Perry Traditional Academy 6
Peabody 16, Allderdice 0
Penn Hills 28, Plum 7
Penn-Trafford 49, Connellsville 0
North Catholic 43, Leechburg 6
Riverview 13, Carlynton 10
Rochester 14, Laurel 7
Serra Catholic 40, Avella 0
Shaler 29, Butler 14
Springdale 7, Avonworth 6
Steel Valley 28, Quaker Valley 0
Thomas Jefferson 55, Laurel Highlads 0
Upper St. Clair 41, Canon-McMillan 20
Washington 31, Brownsville 14
West Allegheny 28, New Castle 21
West Mifflin 14, Belle Vernon Area 13
Woodland Hills 27, Central Catholic 3

NFL standings

AMERICAN CON

SPORTS

Chargers back in Pittsburgh

Sunday's game will be their third in 11 months at Heinz Field.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — When the NFL schedule was released last spring, Philip Rivers, LaDainian Tomlinson, Antonio Gates and their teammates probably shared the same thought.

Pittsburgh? Again?

When the Chargers step onto the Heinz Field turf Sunday night for a game that could make their season and break Pittsburgh's, they will have played there as many times since November as the Pitt Panthers.

The Oakland Raiders once went 20 years without playing in Pittsburgh, and the Kansas City Chiefs have played there once in the last 20, but this will be the Chargers' third game there in 11 months.

Even worse for the Chargers than the long flights, and the wear and tear of taking on one of the NFL's most physical teams, is their 0-13 record in Pittsburgh during the regular season. Their postseason ended there last season, too, with a 35-24 loss on Jan. 11.

Philip Rivers

Dan Fouts' Chargers never won a regular-season game in Pittsburgh. Neither did Junior Seau's. Rivers' Chargers now get another chance, and they know they can't get much closer to winning there than they in losing 11-10 on Nov. 16 — the only such score in NFL history.

11-10. 0-13. Never quite seems to work out for the 'Bolts in the 'Burgh.

"It's a tough place to play," Tomlinson said. "They are very good at home."

At least the Chargers (2-1) won't have to worry about the swirling snow flurries and frigid temperatures that confronted them in Pittsburgh last season, or Steelers defensive star Troy Polamalu, who remains out with a knee injury.

No, the Chargers' worry is finding a ground game to go against what was the NFL's second-best rushing defense last season. With Tomlinson (ankle) injured the last two weeks, the Chargers fell to No. 31 in rushing, although Rivers kept the offense going by throwing for 436 yards against Baltimore and 303 against Miami.

No doubt Rivers noticed that Jay Cutler of Chicago and Carson Palmer of Cincinnati both mounted late scoring drives the last two weeks that ended with the Steelers losing in the final 15 seconds. The Steelers were outscored 24-0 in those fourth quarters.

"It's been tough, it's been hard to deal with," linebacker James Farrior said. "It's something that we're not used to, giving up scores at the end of the game that cause our team to lose."

That secondary hasn't been as good without Polamalu — no surprise there — and now must go against a quarterback who doesn't shy away from making any throw at any time.

"If you watch them on film, I thought it was a highlight reel because they were going deep so much," safety Ryan Clark said.

The Steelers are learning again that being the Super Bowl champion means they're getting everybody's best game — they hadn't lost in Cincinnati since 2001, for example, until last week. Even their lone victory, 13-10 over Tennessee, resulted partly from a fortunate overtime coin flip.

"You look at stats, we win the stats, that's not even a question," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "But certain situations we didn't have all 11 guys on the same page."

That was evident when Super Bowl MVP Santonio Holmes ran a wrong pass route against Cincinnati, causing a Ben Roethlisberger-thrown interception that was returned for a touchdown. Still, the quarterback has thrown for 497 yards the last two weeks, with rookie Mike Wallace making seven catches for 102 yards against the Bengals.

Normally one of the NFL's most run-driven teams, the Steelers are having nearly as much trouble on the ground as the Chargers. Willie Parker, who ran for 146 yards and two scores against San Diego in the playoffs and 115 yards during the season, has a turf toe that might keep him out.

Rashard Mendenhall, a first-round pick a year ago, so troubled coach Mike Tomlin with his practice work last week that he never carried against Cincinnati. Mendenhall no doubt wants to make up for that embarrassment.

"We know they're going to come out and try to pound the ball," Chargers cornerback Quentin Jammer said.

The Steelers don't need to be told how difficult it might become if they lose three in a row for the first time since 2006, despite the fact their next two games are against Detroit (1-2) and Cleveland (0-3).

"If we lose this one, it's not going to be looking good for the Steelers," Farrior said.

There's also this ray of hope for the Chargers: Since 2002, they are 5-0 against the team that won the Super Bowl the previous season.

"The feeling right now is: Why do we have to go back to Heinz Field?" Jammer said. "We just came back from there, twice. I don't think we've ever won in there. ... So it's important to go up there and come out 3-1 before the bye week."

SAN DIEGO (2-1) At PITTSBURGH (1-2)
8:20 p.m. ET, NBC

OPENING LINE — Steelers by 5
RECORD VS. SPREAD — San Diego 1-2; Pittsburgh 0-3
SERIES RECORD — Steelers lead 21-8
LAST MEETING — Steelers beat Chargers 35-24, AFC divisional playoff, Jan. 11, 2009
LAST WEEK — Chargers beat Dolphins 23-13; Steelers lost to Bengals 23-20
CHARGERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (31) PASS (2)
CHARGERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (14), RUSH (26), PASS (8)
STEELERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (12), RUSH (27) PASS (7)
STEELERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (6), PASS (15)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Steelers have never lost regular-season game at home to Chargers, going 13-0. San Diego has won only once in eight games in either city since 1994 AFC championship game, a 2006 victory in San Diego. Maybe this is omen: Until beating Miami 23-13 last Sunday, Chargers hadn't beaten Dolphins since 1994. ... This will be Chargers' third game in Heinz Field in less than 11 months. San Diego lost only 11-10 game in NFL history on Nov. 16, then returned less than two months later to lose AFC divisional playoff game, 35-24. ... Since 2002, Chargers are 5-0 in games against previous season's Super Bowl winner, beating New England (2002 and 2005), Pittsburgh (2006) and Indianapolis (twice in 2007). ... Of three QBs drafted among first 11 picks in 2004 — Eli Manning (No. 1), Philip Rivers (No. 4) and Ben Roethlisberger (No. 11) — Rivers is only one to not win Super Bowl. Roethlisberger has 52 regular-season victories, Rivers 35. ... Rivers has thrown for 739 yards in last two games. ... LaDainian Tomlinson has four TDs rushing in four career games vs. Pittsburgh. ... Steelers, last-minute losers to Bears and Bengals in previous two weeks, have not lost three in row since Oct. 22-Nov. 5, 2006. ... Steelers have been outscored 24-0 in fourth quarter in last two games. ... Pittsburgh is 10-1 in prime-time games under coach Mike Tomlin. ... Pittsburgh has won eight in row at home. ... Roethlisberger was 48 of 67 for 489 yards and one TD vs. San Diego last season. ... Steelers RB Willie Parker, currently bothered by left toe injury that may keep him out, ran for 115 yards vs. Chargers in regular season last year and 146 yards in playoffs.

Bill **HUGHES**

The Rock, Big Ben in WWE spotlight

There are two big topics this week, both of which deserve a full column, but they will have to share space.

The Rock

The Rock appears on Smackdown; Raw next?

Last night, the Rock made a pre-taped appearance on the 10th anniversary of "Smackdown," and he may have another WWE appearance in the near future.

During his six-plus minute promo, the Rock talked about hosting Raw in the near future.

The appearance was the Rock's first in the WWE since he inducted his dad, Rocky Johnson, and his grandfather, Peter Maivia, into the WWE Hall of Fame last year the night prior to WrestleMania 24.

I actually saw the video Wednesday as it had leaked on to the Internet, and during certain points, the Rock was heavily booed.

But with the show being taped, the WWE flooded in cheers so the booing wasn't so obvious.

So if the Rock does host a future Raw, will it lead to a match at WrestleMania 26 this coming April?

The speculation will run rampant that the Rock will indeed have a match. It has long been talked about that the WWE was trying to get him in to face John Cena.

Big Ben hosting "Raw" Monday

Several people have emailed me about Ben Roethlisberger hosting "Raw" Monday, and I am torn as to how I feel.

On one hand, he should be focused on the Steelers and preparing for next week's game.

But then again, the Steelers will not be practicing Tuesday so Roethlisberger and the starting offensive linemen who will be accompanying him will not be missing any practice time.

Several sports experts have criticized the appearance in the middle of the season, but there is not any chance of injury for any of the Steelers.

Much like where it says in his contract that Roethlisberger cannot ride motorcycles any more, I guarantee it also says he cannot take part in any situations that could injure him.

Technically, if the Steelers were that worried about the appearance, they could have pulled Roethlisberger because he is an employee of the team.

The WWE getting a current quarterback during the season is a major coup, and Roethlisberger is a known WWE fan.

At the same time, if the WWE is bringing the two-time Super Bowl champion in to boost ratings, it isn't going to happen.

While Big Ben is one of the better quarterbacks in the league, he is not going to make football fans tune in, especially when Brett Favre is facing his former team, the Green Bay Packers, on Monday Night Football.

In Memory

This week's column is dedicated to the memory of Alfred "Aggie" Agamedi.

I was related to Aggie through marriage, and he truly was a gem of a person. I had only gotten to know him in the last few year, but I am blessed to have known him for the short time that I had with him.

He will truly be missed.

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Pittsburgh dominates Louisville, 35-10

Stull throws 3 TD passes in Panthers' Big East opener.

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bill Stull threw for 242 yards and three touchdowns to help Pittsburgh overwhelm Louisville 35-10 on Friday night.

Dorin Dickerson caught two of Stull's scoring tosses as the Panthers (4-1, 1-0 Big East) overcame a shaky first half to hand the Cardinals (1-3, 0-1) their eighth straight loss to a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent.

Freshman running back Dion Lewis ran for 87 yards, Ray Graham added 75 yards and Pittsburgh dominated the second half to take some of the sting out of a second-half collapse at N.C. State last week.

Louisville quarterback Adam Froman, making his first start after Justin Burke couldn't play because of a bruised sternum, threw for 166 yards and was sacked six times.

Pittsburgh promised to learn from its mistakes after the meltdown against the Wolfpack, when a 14-point third quarter lead turned into a 38-31 loss.

This time, there would be no rally. Stull and Pittsburgh's pass rush made sure of that.

The Panthers trailed 10-7 at the break before Stull went to work. The senior needed just seven plays to give Pittsburgh the lead, hitting Dickerson with a 37-yard touchdown pass to put the Panthers back in front.

Froman, a junior college transfer and former wide receiver, had played efficiently during the first half while helping the Cardinals take the lead. He made his only real mistake on Louisville's next possession. He was scrambling for a first down when the ball was stripped by Pittsburgh's Myles Caragein. The Panthers recovered at the Pittsburgh 29 and Stull didn't waste any time taking advantage, hitting Jonathan Baldwin for a 71-yard score to put the Panthers up 21-10.

It would be all the cushion the defense needed.

After self-destructing against the Wolfpack, Pittsburgh's pass rush overwhelmed Froman and the Cardinals. The Panthers entered the game fourth in the country in sacks per game (4.25), they bettered that total early in the fourth quarter while sacking Froman on a 4th and 11 at the Pittsburgh 31 to snuff Louisville's last real shot.

The Cardinals wore all-black uniforms as a "Black Out" promotion. A similar ploy three years ago propelled Louisville to a win over West Virginia and an eventual Big East title.

Those days seem long gone.

Louisville fell to 4-11 in the Big East since coach Steve Kragthorpe replaced Bobby Petrino after the Cardinals won the 2006 Big East title. The problems that have plagued the program for most of the last two years: penalties and an inability to stop opponents, reared their head again on Friday.

Associated Press

Pitt running back Ray Graham avoids the tackle attempt of Louisville linebacker Jon Dempsey Friday.

Louisville was penalized 10 times for 100 yards and allowed the Panthers to roll up 404 yards of total offense.

Still, for a half at least it appeared the Cardinals were back.

Froman lost a training camp duel with Burke and grew so desperate to see playing time he actually worked on the special teams during a 30-14 loss at Utah last week.

If Froman was nervous, it didn't show. He played efficiently if not spectacularly in the first half as the Cardinals took a 10-7 lead. Maybe his biggest impact came with his feet. The converted wide receiver avoided trouble on several occasions and had a pair of double-digit gains wiped out due to penalty.

Pittsburgh did all it could to help during a sloppy first half.

The Panthers turned it over inside the Louisville 10, had a 41-yard touchdown pass wiped out due to a penalty and committed a pair of personal fouls on a late Louisville drive that allowed the Cardinals to take the lead and get a much-needed confidence boost heading into the half.

The momentum didn't last long. Stull hit Dickerson for a 37-yard score on Pittsburgh's first possession of the second half.

Pirates rookie gets first victory

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rookie Daniel McCutchen needed six starts and big assists from Lastings Milledge's bat and glove to break into the win column.

McCutchen pitched into the seventh inning for his first major league victory and Milledge homered and turned in a key defensive play, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates past the Cincinnati Reds 3-1 Friday night.

"I got some big plays behind me," McCutchen said with Milledge sitting at the next cubicle in the visitors' clubhouse. "They gave me a chance."

Pittsburgh was leading 3-0 when Paul Janish led off the sixth inning with a double for the Reds. Joey Votto hit a sinking line drive to left field that Milledge caught knee-high and backhanded on a dead run.

"Defense is the thing I've taken the most pride in," Milledge said. "I just tried to cut the ball off. I could have taken a deeper route, but if it got past me, it would have only been a double anyway, so I went after it."

Said McCutchen: "If he doesn't get it, it's a double, the run scores and it's a completely different ballgame."

Reds manager Dusty Baker also was impressed.

"I didn't think he had a chance to catch it," Baker said. "It was slicing away from him. It saved the game. That was the key to the ballgame."

Andy LaRoche drove in two runs despite twice being thrown out trying to stretch singles into doubles as the Pirates picked up their fifth win in their last six games. The win guaranteed the Pirates will avoid 100 losses.

"When all is said and done, it is important, but we wanted to finish over .500 this last week or so," Milledge said. "A hundred losses or not, we wanted to finish strong."

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

The Pittsburgh Pirates took a 2-0 lead in the National League championship series with a 10-inning 3-2 win over the Reds in Cincinnati. Dave Parker singled in Omar Moreno with the game-winner.

20 Years Ago

Brazil exchange student Sandro Muruci scored four goals in Belle Vernon Area's 10-0 romp over Waynesburg.

Adam Fetchen scored two goals in Elizabeth Forward's 4-0 victory over Washington.

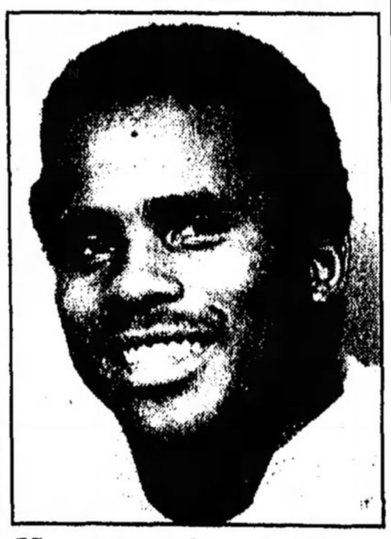
Trinity handed Ringgold its first loss, 2-0.

10 Years Ago

The Jacksonville Jaguars won their first game ever in Pittsburgh with a 17-3 decision over the Steelers.

The St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire hit his 65th home run to finish two ahead of Chicago's Sammy Sosa.

REMEMBER when?



Monessen's Reggie Allen threw for over 5,000 yards and 29 touchdowns in his college career ((1978-81) at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

TV LISTINGS

Insomnia puts a strain on sleep-deprived couple

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend, "Simon," for a year and a half.

He's a good person, but my problem is I suffer from insomnia and have a hard time staying asleep.

It is extremely frustrating — not to mention lonely — lying in the dark.

I start to think about crazy things and it scares me.

If it gets really bad I wake Simon up, but he doesn't understand. He starts going off on me for waking him, to the point that I'm reduced to tears. Then he goes back to sleep.

What should I do?

This is a disorder that is going to be with me for some time.

Simon doesn't seem to care despite my numerous attempts to explain it to him.

I know people hate being awakened from a sleep, but he's my significant other.

Isn't he supposed to help me out? — **ANXIOUS IN ANCHORAGE**

DEAR ANXIOUS: Of course he should.

However, because he is either unwilling or unable to offer the emotional support you need to help you through your night terrors, you are going to have to help yourself.

That's why I'm recommending you talk to your physician about a referral to the nearest sleep disorder clinic.

You need to understand and overcome whatever is keeping you up, because both you and Simon need a good night's sleep to remain healthy and effective during the daytime.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are being married in about a month.

Some friends in another country (who don't speak English) offered to design and give us our rings as a wedding gift.

They asked whether we wanted white or yellow gold, and we specified white or a combination of both — but not yellow by itself.

Yellow gold is what my parents used to wear — and they had a terrible relationship and an even worse divorce.

The rings arrived and they are beautiful, but they are yellow gold!

I'm assuming something was lost in translation. I know a marriage isn't about the rings, but I had my heart set on wearing ones unlike my parents'.

I don't think anything can be done at this point, and I don't want to raise an objection about such a generous gift.

Have you any words of wisdom to help me overcome my hang-ups and this silly feeling of disappointment? — **FEELING SHALLOW IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA**

DEAR FEELING SHALLOW: Your parents had a rotten marriage, but their rings had nothing to do with it.

We create our own symbols and attach meaning to them.

Instead of allowing the gold rings to remind you of your parents' unhappiness, why not let them serve as a reminder of what's important in a marriage so you won't make the same mistakes they did?

And if that doesn't work, consult a jeweler about having them plated.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to put salt on your food before you have even tried it?

My husband was terribly offended when I blurted out, "Try it before you season it!" — **NADINE IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

DEAR NADINE: Yes, it is rude. And it's interesting that your husband became so defensive, because usually it's the person who cooked the dish who is offended. The polite thing to do is to first taste the item before deciding to correct the seasoning.

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SATURDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 3, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	(3:30) College Football LSU at Georgia. (Live)		2 KDKA-TV News (N) 7 News (N) 10 Inside Edition Weekend	2 The Insider 7 Inside Edition Weekend 10 Two and a Half Men	CSI: NY "My Name Is Mac Taylor" The team must determine the killer's motive before he strikes again.		Criminal Minds "Zoe's Reprise" The team hunts for a copycat serial killer.		48 Hours Mystery "Show Me the Money" A woman and her daughter are taken hostage and forced to rob a bank. (N)		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	2 (:35) Steelers Huddle 7 CSI: NY "All Access" 10 (:35) At the Movies	2 10 (12:05) CSI: NY "All Access" Kid Rock's limo driver is found dead.	7 CSI: Miami Horatio must ask Natalia to reveal a secret from her past.	2 (:05) CSI: Miami 10 (:05) Cold Case	7 Cold Case "8:03 AM"	2 (:05) Cold Case 10 (:05) Without a Trace	7 Desperate Housewives "Like It Was"
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	(3:30) College Football (Live)		4 Channel 4 Action News (N) 23 Jeopardy!	4 Inside Edition 23 Wheel-Fortune	College Football (Live)							4 Ch. 4 News 23 News	4 Monk 23 Outdoorsman-Buck McNeely	23 (:35) Grey's Anatomy	4 (:05) Grey's Anatomy	23 (:35) Desperate Housewives	4 (:05) At the Movies	4 Access H'wood 23 Legend-Seeker
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	(3:30) College Football Washington at Notre Dame. (Live)		6 WJAC-TV News (N) 9 News 11 Jerome Bettis Show	6 Judge Judy 9 Cash Explosion 11 Jeopardy!	Law & Order "Just a Girl in the World" Detectives probe the murder of an investigator and an attack on a young journalist.		Trauma "Pilot" Tragedy hits close to home for the trauma team at San Francisco City Hospital.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sugar" Stabler and Benson suspect a sugar daddy of murder.		6 WJAC-TV News 9 News 11 Ch. 11 News	(:29) Saturday Night Live Ryan Reynolds; Lady Gaga. (N)			6 (:02) Cops 9 (:02) Bones 11 (:02) Jerome Bettis Show	6 11 (:32) The Brian McKnight Show (N)	9 (:02) Lost "Enter 77"	6 (:32) NASCAR Angels 11 (:32) Judge Judy Hidden cash, missing gifts.
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	(4:00) MLB Baseball Teams TBA. (Live)		8 Paid Program 53 News Journal	8 Paid Programming 53 Seinfeld	Cops Suspect is arrested for robbery. (N)	Cops Officers respond to a tip about a drug deal.	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back Authorities search for a drug trafficker. (N)		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 Everybody-Raymond 53 Paid Program	Talkshow With Spike Feresten Dana Carvey; Perez Hilton.		Sit Down, Shut Up Senate hearing. (N)	8 Seinfeld 53 Paid Programming	8 American Chopper "Viega Corporation" 53 Bones "The Widow's Son in the Windshield"		Paid Programming		8 Paid Prog 53 RightSide With
13 WQED	Antiques Roadshow "Spokane, WA"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Season Premiere"		Keeping Up Appearances	Are You Being Served?	As Time Goes By	Yes, Prime Minister	The Red Green Show	Excellent Adventures	Austin City Limits "Dave Matthews Band"		Members' Favorite					
19 WPCW	Without a Trace "Closure"		CSI: Miami "Collision"		House House takes on a teenage faith healer.		Steelers Saturday Night		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	Legend of the Seeker "Sacrifice"		The Office	★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li, Carla Gugino. A renegade leaps through dimensions to gain enormous power.			
22 WPMY	Judge-Brown	'70s Show	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "The Peacemaker" (1997) George Clooney, Nicole Kidman.					'70s Show	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	It's Alive! Join your house.				Scrubs	Paid Prog
40 WPCB	Something Fresh		Influence	Jewish Voice	Ambition	Born to Free	Effective Parenting		Van Impe	Quick Study	Wisdom	ATF.tv	Greater Works Outreach		Theater	Rochouse	Manna-Fest	Gospel Truth
59 WBGN	American Idol Rewind (N)		ReGenesis		Stargate Atlantis		The Outer Limits		It's Alive!				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Broken"		CSI: Miami "Cyber-lebrity"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami	
ABCFAM	(5:30) ★★★ "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"				★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar, Patrick Renna.					★★★ "Eight Below" (2006) Paul Walker, Bruce Greenwood.					Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(5:00) ★★ "For Love of the Game" (1999, Drama)				★★ "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen.					★★★ "The Rookie" (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths.					★★ "Major League" (1989)			
ANPL	Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog		SuperFetch	SuperFetch	Dogs 101		Dogs 101 "Ugly Dogs" (N)		Dogs 101		SuperFetch	SuperFetch	Dogs 101 "Ugly Dogs"		It's Me or the Dog	
BBC	Top Gear		Torchwood "Countrycide"		Robin Hood		Robin Hood (N)		The Graham Norton Show		Robin Hood		Robin Hood		The Graham Norton Show		Robin Hood	
BET	(5:00) ★★★ "Coming to America"		★★★ "The Matrix" (1999) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. Premiere.							★★★ "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne.						Played-Fame	Played-Fame	Played-Fame
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		★★★ "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) Whitney Houston.					Real Housewives-Atlanta		Rachel Zoe
CMT	Engvall Your Sign Awards		Just for Laughs-Working		CMT Music Awards 2009						★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989)		★★ "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (1982) Burt Reynolds.					
CNBC	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Biography		American Greed		The Suze Orman Show (N)		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		American Greeds		The Suze Orman Show		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		Paid Prog	Profit
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom	
COM	(5:00) ★★★ "Swingers"		★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) Shawn Wayans.				South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000) (PA) Shawn Wayans.			
CSPAN	President	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives						American Perspectives						C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	★★★ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe.						★★★ "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe.						Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	True Hollywood Story		When Husbands Murder		★ "Superstar" (1999) Molly Shannon. Premiere.				Kendra	Kendra	The Soup	Chelsea	25 Most Memorable Swimsuit Moments Bathing suits.				The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	Football	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	(:45) College Football Auburn at Tennessee. (Live)						(:45) SportsCenter (Live)			College Football Final		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	Boxing		College Football South Carolina State at South Carolina. (Live)						2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker		2006 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker		2007 World Series of Poker	
ESPN2	NASCAR	Sprint Cup Happy Hour	College Football Arkansas at Texas A&M. (Live)							NHRA Drag Racing: O'Reilly Mid-South Nationals				Baseball Tonight		NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series		
EWTN	Worth Living	Virtue	Mother Angelica-Classic		EWTN Cinema			Holy Rosary	Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Fr. Corapi		Assisi: Home of St. Francis	
FNC	America's News HQ		FOX Report		Huckabee		Special Programming		Geraldo at Large		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	News Watch	Red Eye		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee	
FOOD	The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef		Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef		The Next Iron Chef		Iron Chef America	
FSN	Football	Pens Faceoff	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders. (Live)					Penguins	Pirates	Final Score	Sport Sci	Final Score	World Poker		Final Score	Raw Tapes	Raising the Cup in '92	
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage.				★★ "Click" (2006) Adam Sandler. An architect's new remote controls his universe.						Sunny	Sunny	(12:01) Damages "Pilot"		(:12) Damages		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour -- Soboba Classic					LPGA Tour Golf Navistar LPGA Classic -- Third Round.			PGA Tour Golf: Turning Stone Resort Championship				Golf Central	LPGA Tour Golf: Navistar LPGA Classic			PGA Golf
GSN	1 vs. 100		Deal or No Deal		20Q		Deal or No Deal		The Money List		20Q		Deal or No Deal		The Money List		1 vs. 100	
HALL	"For the Love of Benji"		★★ "Benji: Off the Leash!" (2004) Nick Whitaker.				★★ "White Fang" (1991) Klaus Maria Brandauer, Ethan Hawke.					Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HGTV	To Sell	Income Prop.	For Rent	House	Divine	Genevieve	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House	House	House	Color Splash	Color Splash	House	House	House	House
HIST	(5:00) Holy Grail in America		Modern Marvels "Iron"		★★★ "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.					Sharp Shooters			(12:01) ★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.					Shooters
LIFE	(5:00) ★★ "Hanging Up"		★★ "Weather Girl" (2009) Tricia O'Kelley.				★ "Because I Said So" (2007) Diane Keaton.				Army Wives		Drop Dead Diva "What If?"		How I Met	How I Met	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
MSNBC	Witch Hunt				Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Indiana		Lockup: Indiana		Caught on Camera		Lockup: Indiana		Lockup: Indiana	
MTV	Pranked	The Hills	The City	MTV Special			Making His Band (N)		Pranked	Pranked	Fantasy	Fantasy	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Beatdown	Beatdown	★★★ "Mean Creek"	
NICK	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly (N)	Jackson	The Troop	iCarly	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell.					★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell.					★★ "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004) Milla Jovovich.			
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SPIKE	(5:00) "Until Death" (2007)		★★ "In Hell" (2003, Action) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				"JCVD" (2008) Jean-Claude Van Damme. Premiere.				★★ "In Hell" (2003, Action) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				"JCVD" (2008, Comedy) Jean-Claude Van Damme.			
SYFY	(5:00) "Slaughter" (2009)		"From Within" (2008, Horror) Elizabeth Rice. Premiere.				"Wrong Turn 2: Dead End" (2007) Erica Leerhsen.				★ "See No Evil" (2006) Kane, Christina Vidal.				"Dead Men Walking" (2005) Griff Furst, Bay Bruner.			
TBS	King	Seinfeld	★★ "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action) Jackie Chan.				★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler.				(:10) ★★ "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves.					(:40) ★★★ "Rudy" (1993) Sean Astin.		
TCM	★★ "King Creole" (1958, Musical) Elvis Presley.				★★★★ "Funny Girl" (1968) Barbra Streisand, Omar Sharif.					(:45) ★★★ "Doctor Zhivago" (1965, Historical Drama) Omar Sharif, Julie Christie. (DVS)							(:15) ★★★ "Juggernaut"	
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TNT	★★ "Disturbia" (2007, Suspense) Shia LaBeouf.				★★★ "Ransom" (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo.					★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson.						★★ "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas.		
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TRAVEL	(5:00) World Poker Tour		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	★★ "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)				Relic Hunter	Relic Hunter	Extreme Pools		★★ "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)				Relic Hunter	Relic Hunter
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USA	★★ "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) Kate Hudson.						★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon.				Psych		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		WWE A.M. Raw (N)	
VH1	Tool Acad	★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia, Maria Bello.					Behind the Music		★★★ "Anvil! The Story of Anvil" (2008)		Greatest Hard Rock Songs		Greatest Hard Rock Songs		★★★ "Anvil! The Story of Anvil" (2008)			
VS.	College Football		College Football Oregon State at Arizona State. (Live)							Bull Riding PBR Portland Invitational. (Taped)			Bull Riding PBR Portland Invitational. (Taped)					Sports Soup
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WGN	Bones "Pilot"		Bones		★★ "Blow" (2001) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	★★★ "Moonraker" (1979, Action) Roger Moore, Lois Chiles.					Chill Factor
ENC	(:15) ★★ "Rocky V" (1990) Sylvester Stallone.				★★★★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone.				★★★ "Rocky II" (1979) Sylvester Stallone.				★★★ "Rocky III" (1982) Mr. T				(:40) ★★ "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama)	
HBO	★★ "Fred Claus" (2007, Comedy) Vince Vaughn.				★★ "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"				Bored	Bored	Curb-Enthsm	(:35) ★★ "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"					★★ "Shoot 'Em Up" (2007) Clive Owen.	
MAX	(5:30) ★★ "Leatherheads" (2008)			★★★ "Sex and the City" (2008) Sarah Jessica Parker.					★★★ "Role Models" (2008) Premiere.		(:40) Lingerie			Sex Games	Sex Games		(:20) ★★★ "Role Models" (2008)	
SHOW	(4:30) "Into the Wild" iTV.		Inside the NFL (iTV)		Dexter "Living the Dream"		★★ "Meet the Browns" (2008) iTV.			Mike Epps: Under Rated	(:45) ★★ "Beer League" (2006)				(:15) ★★★ "The Bank Job" (2008) Jason Statham. iTV.			
STARZ	(5:00) "Cadillac Records"		(6:50) ★★★ "No Country for Old Men" (2007)				★★ "Seven Pounds" (2008) Will Smith. Premiere.				(:05) Crash		★★ "Righteous Kill" (2008)				(:45) ★★★ "No Country for Old Men"	

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FEATURES

St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1201 Patton Ave., Monessen, will conduct a Middle Eastern dinner 4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 10. The menu will comprise kibbee, meat pie, grape leaves, Syrian rice with sauce and green beans, salad, baklawa, coffee and tea. Extra kibbee, meat pies, grape leaves and baklawa will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are required and can be arranged by calling Joan at (724) 483-8884 or Lora at (724) 344-0831. Pictured, from left, are Romaine Karnack, Cynthia Solomon, the Rev. Fred Pfeil, Carol Waterhouse, Eli Haddad, Maurie Haddad and Joan Rakosky.

Jessica Day, 10, and Justin Day, 7, of Charleroi, took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.

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Sunday

■ Doughnut sale, Transfiguration Church, Main Street, Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Grocery bingo, Holy Ghost Social Center, Ninth Street, Charleroi, 1:30 p.m.

■ Bingo, Mon Valley Youth and Teen Center, 160 Thompson Ave., Donora, 12:30 p.m.

■ Greater Monessen Historical Society Celebrating Home Party, Monessen Heritage Museum, 505 Donner Ave., 2 p.m.

■ Fall Festival, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Mary Street, Belle Vernon, noon to 6 p.m.

■ Bingo, Holy Family Catholic Church, Second Street, West Newton, 2 p.m.

Monday

■ Showboat practice, Monongahela Senior Center, 6 p.m.

■ Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission board of directors meeting, Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood, 6 p.m.

■ Harvest Moon Campfire, Mingo Creek County Park shelter 2, 7 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

■ Baby Care class, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 6:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Donora Historical Society sets meeting

The Donora Historical Society will meet 6 p.m. Monday at the Calvary Presbyterian Church, 800 Thompson Ave. Ringgold High School teacher Leslie Rutherford and her students will present "Pennsylvania Women." The event is open to parents of high school students.

Honor guard, firing squad plans meeting

The Mon Valley Honor Guard and Firing Squad will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at James C. Ford American Legion Post 949, Carroll Township.

Tobacco Free Coalition to meet

The Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition will meet 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the Monessen Public Library and District Center's conference room.

Rummage sale set in S. Brownsville

The South Brownsville United Methodist Church will sponsor a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Red Cross plans classes

The American Red Cross will offer the following classes at its 524 East Maiden St., Washington, site: 5:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator, adult; 5:30 to 10 Wednesday and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, first aid with cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, first aid. To register online, visit swpa.redcross.org and click on "Get Trained" or call (888) 217-9599.

Autism support group schedules meetings

A Family Support/Social Skills group for families of children with autism spectrum disorder, will meet as follows:

Thursday – 6 to 8 p.m., Family Behavioral Resources, 101 Towne Square Way, Suite 239, near Century III Mall. Reservations are by Tuesday and can be arranged by calling (412) 881-2400 or e-mail brentwood@familybehavioralresources.com.

Oct. 15 – 6 to 8 p.m. Family Behavioral Resources, 90 W. Chestnut St., Suite 110LL, Washington. Reservations are due by Oct. 13 at (724) 229-0311 or e-mail Washington@familybehavioralresources.com.

Chicken, biscuit set in Roscoe

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Roscoe, will sponsor a chicken and biscuit dinner 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. The menu will comprise chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, dessert and beverage. For takeouts, call (724) 938-2660.

Monongahela Mother's Club marks anniversary

The Monongahela Mother's Club 107th anniversary celebration will take place 1 p.m. Thursday in the Church of the Nazarene, Monongahela.

Civil War Roundtable schedules meeting

The Civil War Roundtable at California University of Pennsylvania will meet 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Kara-Booker Great Room, Kara Alumni House. Reenactor Ken Williams, a former Gettysburg National Military Park ranger, will present "1863 New York Draft Riots." For information, call Mike at (412) 417-1516 or e-mail stonewall1863@comcast.net.

Charleroi Homemakers set Thursday meeting

The Charleroi Homemakers will meet 10 a.m. Thursday in the Char House community room.

Charleroi Masons schedule meeting

Charleroi No. 615 Free and Accepted Masons will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday at its hall on McKean Avenue, Charleroi. Past Masters' Night will be observed.

Wylie School gathering set

A Wylie School get-together will take place 4 p.m. Thursday at Paolo's Restaurant in Charleroi. The event is open to people who attended the school.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Amicus Class, Charleroi

Ten women met for the Amicus meeting Sept. 22, bringing a bag lunch with dessert provided by Grace Vandernitte.

President Darla White opened the session with prayer and the poem, "O God Our Help," by Helen Steiner Rice. Reports were given by Gwen Culp, secretary, and Grace Vandernitte, treasurer, and class business was discussed. Devotional leader was Mary Lou Lachman, whose topic was the book "The Purpose of Christmas," written by Rick Warren. It deals with the reason of celebrating Christmas and the priceless gift God gave to mankind. The first three chapters were "God Loves Us," "God is with You" and "God is for You." Other excerpts will be given at future meetings.

A gift was purchased for the Women's Retreat. A class collection was taken. Following the singing of "Bring a Gift of Love," members circled and said the Mizpah Benediction."

Ladies Society, St. Michael Church, Monessen

The Ladies Society meeting of St. Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church, Monessen, was called to order Sept. 20 by President Joan Rakosky. The Rev. Fred Pfeil opened the meeting with prayer. Secretary and treasurer reports were accepted as read.

The Oct. 10 Middle Eastern Dinner was discussed. The duty list was made and posted in kitchen. All workers are to be at the church hall by 2 p.m. the day of the dinner.

The society will have the following bake sales: Meat pies Oct. 17 and bread (both large and small loaves) Nov. 14. Orders will be taken by Rakosky at (724) 483-8884 and Pfeil at (724) 684-7460. The annual baklawa and kibbee trays will be sold for the Christmas holiday, December date to be announced.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 18.

Donora Seniors

The meeting of the Donora Seniors was opened by President Rose Galiffa with 30 members present.

The Lord's Prayer was recited, followed by the flag pledge and singing of "God Bless America."

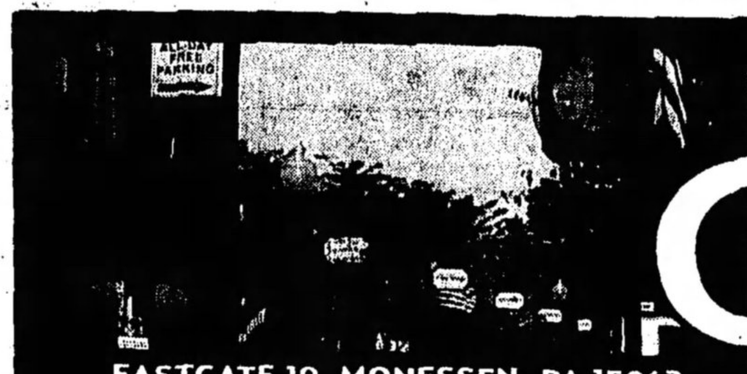
August birthdays were acknowledged for Arlene Nutt and Bertha Sowers. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Winners of prizes were awarded to Rose Galiffa, Fay Gilmer, Doris Hughes, Helen Pasterick, Pauline Martinez, Rosemary Malie, Angie Bradshaw and Joe Rodriguez.

Mary Strain gave two readings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was served and games played.



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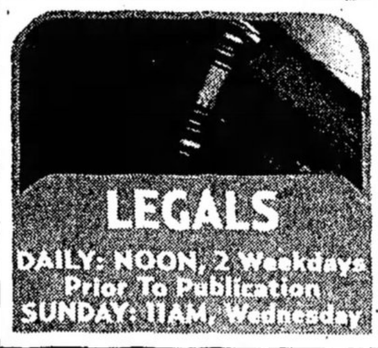

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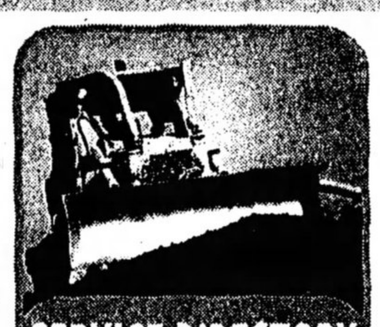

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All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Please also submit bid submission on compact disc in word or .pdf file format. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

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Your Birthday
SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

The year ahead could be an exciting one, holding exceptional promise in areas where you use creative abilities. Put your imagination to work, and aggressively pursue your dreams and desires.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- You may get a chance to utilize an asset that someone you respect didn't know you had. It could mean a lot in helping to cement the relationship.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Today could be a time when an old problem is finally terminated. Once this happens, it will open the door to fresh hopes and awaken expectations.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Circumstances are exceptionally positive with regard to your personal interests. As things loosen up, events will develop new ways to find solutions that are important to you.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Although another person might be involved, something big is in the making that could destroy the barriers that block your path to success. You'll make that turnaround.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- You might benefit from a project on which you have worked long and hard. What you gain might come about quite suddenly, and be far larger than anticipated.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- An important but problematic relationship could work out quite advantageously. After a bumpy start, and through aggressive action, the road will be made smooth again.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Pessimism doesn't become you. Be both realistic and positive about your ability to achieve. It's all in your mind.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- You're far more competitive than you think, so when an invitation is extended to take part in a rival situation, jump onboard. You should fare rather well.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Restless stirrings about generating more funds could get your mind flowing in this direction. Once you think about it, your cleverness will come up with something good.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Sensing that now is a time for new activities and encounters, you'll find ways to break from daily routines so that fresh elements can be introduced into your personality. Don't hold back.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- This is a day when all of the pieces could suddenly fall into place, putting together something that has lucrative potential. Move on whatever you're working on.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- A willingness to assist someone who could use the help may take a surprising twist; when aiding him or her, events move in a direction that brings more glory to you.

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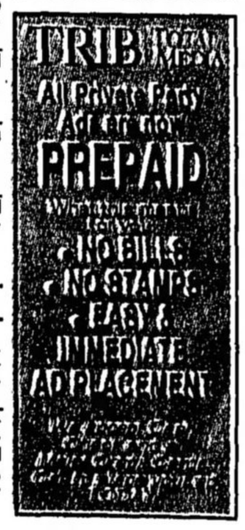

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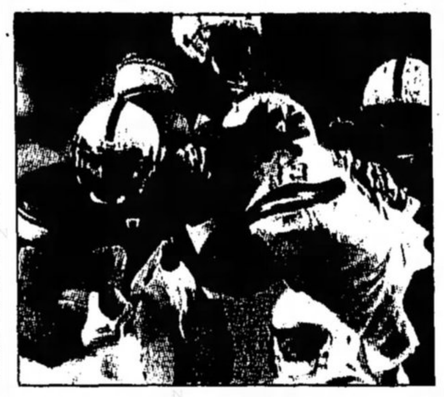

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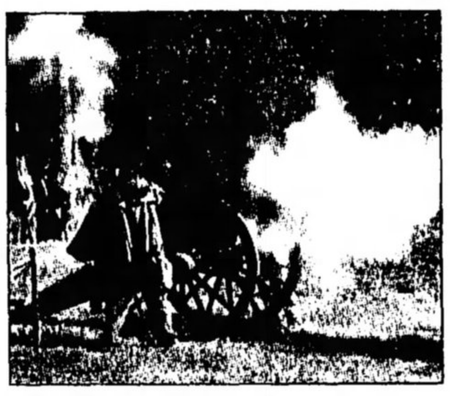

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Valley Review

Miss a big story last week? Fear not. Check out Valley Review, a regular Monday feature. **3A**

Styles different

Two Superior Court judges with contrasting styles are vying for an open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. **3A**

SPORTS

Cal U tops IUP

Cal U knocked off IUP to capture the first-ever Coal Bowl. **1B**

BVA ties Scotties

The BVA girls' soccer team posted a second straight tie with Southmoreland. **2B**

Blanked again

The Pirates ended their 17th straight losing season with their 17th shutout. **2B**

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WEATHER

Tonight Mostly clear 42°
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TUESDAY

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Great pumpkin crop ripe

The demand will be great with Halloween and Thanksgiving drawing near.

By A.J. PANIAN
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It was oddly white in color, weighed just a pound and looked like an oversized teardrop, but to toddler Sophia Lepore, it was the perfect Halloween pumpkin.

The 2-year-old and her family made what's become a yearly sojourn Sunday to Schramm Farms and Orchards in Penn Township.

"(Sophia) paid for it all by herself, all 49 cents," said her father, Brian Lepore, 32, of North Huntingdon. "It was the first time she ever bought anything. We can't even stand it up, but boy was she thrilled."

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Barry Reeger/For The Valley Independent

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Changes possible for resort gaming

Prospective operators claim existing rules make it difficult to make money.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – The state Legislature is in the "mischief period."

That's one Harrisburg term for the hectic days between the handshake agreement on state government's annual spending plan and final legislative action on the budget – when rank-and-file lawmakers and lobbyists scramble to win money or favorable treatment for pet projects.

This year, the push is on to transform Pennsylvania's miniature "resort" casinos into gambling halls that can more closely resemble, if not rival, some of the state's biggest casinos. It is a brewing controversy in a lineup of higher-profile disputes over the state's long-stalled 2009-10 budget.

The proposal is tucked into a broader bill to legalize and tax poker, blackjack and other table games at Pennsylvania's slot-machine casinos, a key element of the Legislature's search for new tax dollars to offset the state government's massive, recession-driven revenue shortfall.

Under the 2004 law that brought slots to Pennsylvania, two licensed resort casinos are each allowed to operate up to 500 slot machines, strictly for overnight guests and other patrons.

But no resort casino is actually up and running in Pennsylvania, in part because of what some say is an ill-conceived law that makes it impossible to turn a profit – or, at least, enough of a profit to bother.

Now, House Democrats are supporting a bill that they say would fix the problems and help scrounge up more money for the cash-strapped state.

The legislation would triple the ceiling to 1,500 slot machines and strip away the requirement that gamblers be guests of the resort, opening the establishments to the general public like other casinos.

However, Senate Republicans

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Numerous U.S. nursing homes face job cuts, even closure

By DAVE COLLINS
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HARTFORD, Conn. – The nation's nursing homes are perilously close to laying off workers, cutting services – possibly even closing – because of a perfect storm wallop from the recession and deep federal and state government spending cuts, industry experts say.

A Medicare rate adjustment that cuts an estimated $16 billion in nursing home funding over the next 10 years was enacted at week's end by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – on top of state-level cuts or flat-funding that already had the industry reeling.

And Congress is debating slashing billions more in Medicare funding as part of health care reform.

Add it all up, and the nursing home industry is headed for a crisis, industry officials say.

"We can foresee the possibility of nursing homes having to close their doors," said David Hebert, a senior vice president at the American Health Care Association. "I certainly foresee that we'll have to let staff go."

The funding crisis comes as the nation's baby boomers age ever closer toward needing nursing home care. The nation's 16,000 nursing homes housed 1.85 million

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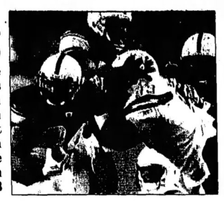

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Numerous U.S. nursing homes face job cuts, even closure

By DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. – The nation's nursing homes are perilously close to laying off workers, cutting services – possibly even closing – because of a perfect storm wallop from the recession and deep federal and state government spending cuts, industry experts say.

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Your Birthday
SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 2009
LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

The year ahead could be an exciting one, holding exceptional promise in areas where you use creative abilities. Put your imagination to work, and aggressively pursue your dreams and desires.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You may get a chance to utilize an asset that someone you respect didn't know you had. It could mean a lot in helping to cement the relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Today could be a time when an old problem is finally terminated. Once this happens, it will open the door to fresh hopes and awaken expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Circumstances are exceptionally positive with regard to your personal interests. As things loosen up, events will develop new ways to find solutions that are important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Although another person might be involved, something big is in the making that could destroy the barriers that block your path to success. You'll make that turnaround.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You might benefit from a project on which you have worked long and hard. What you gain might come about quite suddenly, and be far larger than anticipated.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- An important but problematic relationship could work out quite advantageously. After a bumpy start, and through aggressive action, the road will be made smooth again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Pessimism doesn't become you. Be both realistic and positive about your ability to achieve. It's all in your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You're far more competitive than you think, so when an invitation is extended to take part in a rival situation, jump onboard. You should fare rather well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Restless stirrings about generating more funds could get your mind flowing in this direction. Once you think about it, your cleverness will come up with something good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Sensing that now is a time for new activities and encounters, you'll find ways to break from daily routines so that fresh elements can be introduced into your personality. Don't hold back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- This is a day when all of the pieces could suddenly fall into place, putting together something that has lucrative potential. Move on whatever you're working on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A willingness to assist someone who could use the help may take a surprising twist; when aiding him or her, events move in a direction that brings more glory to you.

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All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Please also submit bid submission on compact disc in word or .pdf file format. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

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1997 PONTIAC Bonneville, 4 dr., V6. $1,995.

2000 DODGE Dakota Sport Ext. Cab 4x4, V6, auto. $4,995.

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2001 OLDS Silhouette Van, V6, 4 dr. $2,795.

2000 DODGE Stratus, 4 dr., V6. $2,995.

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1999 CHEVY Malibu, 4 dr., 4 cyl. $2,995.

7609/BOATS & MORE

18' MARK TWAIN Trihaul 140 HP I/O Merc Cruiser, ran good. $1,195.00 330-319-5860.

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or 412-427-1851

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30 Papers - Mon.-Sat.
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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "Promotional Items" for Washington County, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301 until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Department, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. **(Late bids are not accepted).**

All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Please also submit bid submission on compact disc in word or .pdf file format. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at: www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

BID SECURITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED!

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

BID: PROMOTIONAL ITEMS
CONTRACT NO. 110409-1PI

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3000/OPEN HOUSES

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OPEN SUNDAY
OCT. 4, 1 to 4PM
Attend Open House
Register For Drawing

MONONGAHELA

1200 Lincoln St. - $149,900
S-P-R-E-A-D OUT In This 4 To 6 Br Over 2 Sty. Home. Corner Lot. Must See.
DIR: RT. 88, R/L On 11th To Lincoln.
724-348-7470.

1010 Try St. - $159,900
Rejuvenated Describes This 4 Br 2 Sty.
1 Car Garage. Large Yard.
DIR: RT. 88, L/R On 12th To Lawrence To L On Try. 724-348-7470.

1206 Thomas St. - $200's
Magnificent 3 Br 3 Full 21/2 Bath Stone Home. Too Many Amenities To List. Must See!
DIR: RT. 88, R/L On 12th, R On Thomas.
724-348-7470.

1155 Otis St. - $99,921
Awesome "Must See" 3 Br Ranch.
1 Car Garage. Stop By To View The Many Updates!
DIR: Rt. 88, R/L On 4th St., R At Hilltop Bar Onto Black St. To Otis. 724-348-7470.

UNION TWP.

5012 Norman Ave. - $139,900
3 Br Multi-level Home. Corner Lot.
Huge Garage.
DIR: Rt. 88, L/R On Finley - Elrama, Left On Norman. 724-348-7470.

ROSTRAVER TWP.

152 Morningstar Dr. - $304,900
4 Br 2.5 Bath Home. Beautiful Level Lot In Shawnee Pointe. A Must See To Believe!
DIR: 201 N/S To Chickee Ln To Morningstar. House On R. 724-929-2180.

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OPEN SUN., OCT. 4
1PM-3PM
BELLE VERNON
518 Speer St.- why rent? Well maintained 2 bedroom 2 story with many updates. Dir: 70E/W, N.Belle Vernon Exit, to R on Broad Ave., L on Arch, L on Speer St. Cindy Basile.

CHARLEROI
295 Freemont Rd.- 3 bedroom Cape Cod w/ updates throughout. Dir: 70W to Exit 40, L at stop sign, thru town on R 88 to L on 5th St., up hill, home on R. (Lisa Billy).

FAYETTE CITY
18 Center St - 2 story 3 bedroom Colonial, fireplace, gazebo & gorgeous updates. Dir: 70 E/W, Exit 41, L 906S, merge 201S, L Connellsville, R Fayette, R Center. (Jody Moebius)

ROSTRAVER
2119 Lakeview Drive- Bring offer. pleasel Gorgeous 2 bedroom condo in Spring Grove, 3 yrs. old, decorated to a T! 2 car garage. Dir: 51 N/S to L/R on Vernon, L on Spring Grove, L on Lakeview. (Sherry Hora).

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Open Sunday, 1-4
Rostraver Twp.
2048 Lake View Dr. 3 bedroom condo. $189,900. Dir: 51S, L Vernon Dr., L Spring Grove Blvd., L Lake View Dr., driveway is on the R and around back. Anna Marie Dulik

Howard Hanna
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3045/FOR SALE/FAYETTE

BELLE VERNON- for sale by owner. 2 bedroom, new kitchen, furnace, roof & hot water tank. Nice area. $37,500. 724-322-5129

3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CHARLEROI New Price. Nice 2 bedroom home with newer carpet throughout, newer windows, great front covered porch. Dining room could be used as 3rd bedroom. $43,500.

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SPEERS- Charleroi Schools, 3 bedroom 1½ bath brick ranch, integral garage, fenced yard. Asking $98,000 to settle estate. Call 724-326-4050 or 724-880-3469.

2030/MEETING NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the City of Monongahela will hold a work session on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. in Council Chambers.

Carole Foglia,
City Clerk
10/3

4010/CEMETERY LOTS

2 LEVEL LOTS at MV Memorial Park in Well of Semaria section, near main road, across from old school. $945 for both. 724-929-4578

4070/LOST & FOUND

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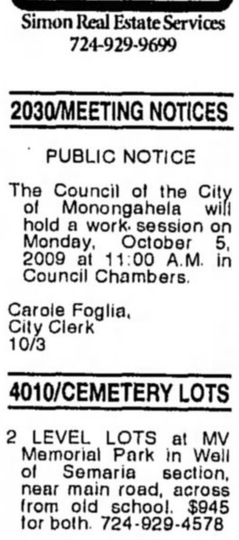

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4100/PERSONALS

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4130/EVENT TICKETS

WWE TICKET (1) for Sunday, October 25, floor seating. $175. Call 724-684-3856.

5000/APPAREL & JEWELRY

BOYS all seasons clothing size 10/12, 2 bags, $10.00
Call 724-483-1801.

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5020/ARTICLES

ASTRO ✦ GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday
SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

The year ahead could be an exciting one, holding exceptional promise in areas where you use creative abilities. Put your imagination to work, and aggressively pursue your dreams and desires.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- You may get a chance to utilize an asset that someone you respect didn't know you had. It could mean a lot in helping to cement the relationship.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Today could be a time when an old problem is finally terminated. Once this happens, it will open the door to fresh hopes and awaken expectations.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Circumstances are exceptionally positive with regard to your personal interests. As things loosen up, events will develop new ways to find solutions that are important to you.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Although another person might be involved, something big is in the making that could destroy the barriers that block your path to success. You'll make that turnaround.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- You might benefit from a project on which you have worked long and hard. What you gain might come about quite suddenly, and be far larger than anticipated.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- An important but problematic relationship could work out quite advantageously. After a bumpy start, and through aggressive action, the road will be made smooth again.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Pessimism doesn't become you. Be both realistic and positive about your ability to achieve. It's all in your mind.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- You're far more competitive than you think, so when an invitation is extended to take part in a rival situation, jump onboard. You should fare rather well.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Restless stirrings about generating more funds could get your mind flowing in this direction. Once you think about it, your cleverness will come up with something good.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- Sensing that now is a time for new activities and encounters, you'll find ways to break from daily routines so that fresh elements can be introduced into your personality. Don't hold back.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- This is a day when all of the pieces could suddenly fall into place, putting together something that has lucrative potential. Move on whatever you're working on.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- A willingness to assist someone who could use the help may take a surprising twist; when aiding him or her, events move in a direction that brings more glory to you.

3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

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3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

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3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

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3 bedroom, all brick, 2/3 acre double lot, pool, walk to all schools, stunning inside & out. $229,900. Call 724-929-3325 or see at www.paopenhouse.com

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3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

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5020/ARTICLES

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FURNACE PIPES- single, $50. Call 724-483-2369.

GLAZING BALL on a stand. $40. Call 724-929-4980.

HOOD ORNAMENT- US Marine emblem. $25. Call 724-258-4919.

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MICROWAVE Carousel $50.00
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5020/ARTICLES

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5060/COMPUTERS

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5080/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

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5130/FURNITURE

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3075/LOTS/ACREAGE

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3540/APTS-RENT/FAYETTE

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3555/APTS-RENT/WASHINGTON

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5130/FURNITURE

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